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PREMIER AND PARTY ARRIVE SAFELY AT A BRITISH PORT AFTER TALKS WITH ROOSEVELT

Mr. Churchill Makes Inspection At Iceland On Return Journey

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, PRIME MINISTER, AND HIS PARTY, WHO TRAVELED IN BRITAIN'S LATEST GIANT BATTLESHIP PRINCE OF WALES FOR THE EPIC MEETING AT SEA LAST WEEK WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, ARRIVED SAFELY AT A BRITISH PORT YESTERDAY, according to a Reuter message from London. The Premier was given a great welcome by cheering crowds.

When Mr. Churchill left Britain he was taken by a destroyer to the battleship King George V, flagship of Admiral Sir John Tovey, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, where he had lunch, and afterwards boarded the Prince of Wales for his journey to the high seas.

DESTROYERS OF THE HOME FLEET ESCORTED THE BATTLESHIP AS SHE LEFT AND MET HER AGAIN ON THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY.

Among the party of ten distinguished men who accompanied Mr. Churchill was Lord Cherwell, formerly Professor Lindemann.

On the return journey the Prime Minister called at ICELAND where he inspected British and American forces stationed there.

When Mr. Churchill and his party landed at a British port and drove through the streets in three cars, the Prime Minister was greeted with cheers and shouts of "best of luck."

Mr. Churchill, who looked very happy, smiled and waved his peaked cap in response to the enthusiastic greeting accorded him.

DECLARATION EXAMINED

The Eight-Point Declaration of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill is being examined in detail in various quarters in London and the different aspects of the policy are discussed in newspapers, says British Wireless.

THE TIMES particularly urges the importance of close examination of post-war international trade relations, saying that the positive aim must be to create material conditions of life which give the people of every country a stake in the maintenance of peace. "It may be doubted whether equal access to trade or equal access to raw materials will suffice by themselves to bring about that revival of international trade which Great Britain, above all other countries, ardently desires."

CRUX OF PROBLEM

"During the troubled interval between the two wars, purchases were rarely, if ever, excluded from markets in which they could afford to buy. The crux of the problem was the drying up of purchasing power, of production brought to a standstill and men kept in idleness, not because there is no demand for their products, but because there was apparently no method known to orthodox finance of bridging the gap between the consumer and producer. This is the barrier which must be broken."

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Official Chungking Welcome Expressed

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Central)

"The Chinese Government and people wholeheartedly welcome and endorse the joint declaration by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill on the fundamental aims of the Democratic Powers resistance against aggression and the aspirations of all peaceful and freedom-loving peoples, including those in the Axis countries, for a real new world order," declared the Foreign Minister, DR. QUO TAI-CHI, in a statement issued last night.

"China feels all the more gratified," said the Foreign Minister, "as the 8-point programme is essentially in harmony with the principles of the Kuomintang and its founder's advocacy of a 'great commonwealth of nations'."

"After the war world reconstruction will constitute a task even more difficult than the winning of the war itself. Restoration of freedom to the conquered peoples, full economic collaboration, among all nations in the enjoyment of and access on equal terms to trade and raw materials, the advancement of living standards and the establishment of a permanent system of general security will require."

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OPERATING COMMITTEE

CURRENCY BOARD DECISIONS

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—The establishment of an Operating Committee to carry out the decisions of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board was announced by the Chinese Government spokesman at this afternoon's Press conference here.

The Committee is under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, and will have 15 members, five of which will form a Standing Committee.

Reuter learns that the first meeting of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board, comprising three Chinese, one British and one American members, was held in Chungking on Aug. 18.

At this time, important decisions were reached, among which was the dispatch of members of the board to Shanghai and Hongkong to supervise and report on the Executive Board's decision.

It is understood that the British member, Mr. A. L. Hall-Patch, is going to Shanghai.

NEW LEGS FOR BADER

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—A new pair of artificial legs is expected to be dropped by parachute over Germany for Wing-Commander R. S. Bader, D.S.O., D.F.C., the legless R.A.F. pilot, who was recently taken prisoner by the Germans.

It is expected that the enemy will co-operate in delivering the legs to Wing-Commander Bader.

F.A.A. RAID ON SYRACUSE

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm heavily attacked Syracuse in Sicily yesterday.

Flying at a low altitude, the British planes dropped a large number of bombs on the mole and started a number of fires, which merged into one big sheet of flames three hundred feet high.

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—Admiral Darlan arrived in Paris this morning for conversations with the occupation authorities, according to the Swiss Radio.

Next Move On The South-East Asia Chessboard

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—The next move on the chessboard in South-East Asia will apparently be the Japanese knight takes Thai aerodromes with the view of early checkmating the Thai king, writes SIR ROBERT CLIVE, former British Ambassador to Japan, in the DAILY MAIL.

"However," Sir Robert goes on, "Japan, still undecided, has not yet moved the knight and may not do so. The clear warnings of Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Anthony Eden cannot be ignored as neither country is bluffing and, therefore, Japan must carefully calculate before making the next move."

Japan must consider whether she is sufficiently strong to risk the combined strength of two great English-speaking Governments in this year and the next.

The Japanese claim has not yet been defeated, but it is felt today that the slightest risk of defeat will surely find means of postponing the march of events.

The hint of aggression against Thailand was largely made with the view of testing the temper of Britain, "but, make no mistake if Japan decides today that war with the two democracies is not worth the risk, Japan will step back now solely for the purpose of enabling a farther jump later," Sir Robert warns. (Sir Robert Clive was Ambassador in Tokyo from 1934 to 1937.)

Clark Kerr Object Of Kidnapping

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—The American-owned EVENING POST learns that SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, British Ambassador to China, on July 24 was recently the object of two unsuccessful kidnapping attempts and has now hired two bodyguards for self-protection.

Meanwhile, the Central China Post strikers are reported to be living on the two floors of the newspaper building after breaking into the premises.

People Will Respond To Greater Sacrifices

At the annual conference of the Transport and General Workers Union at Llandudno, the Chairman, MR. H. J. EDWARDS, emphasised his conviction that this was the people's war and even if greater sacrifices are demanded in days to come, he had great confidence the people would respond according to British Wireless.

He added: "It is true that we have been called upon temporarily to sacrifice some of our hard won rights and privileges. Guarantees have, however, been secured for the full restoration of trade union privileges at the conclusion of hostilities though I would say that there are many things we have got rid of which I would not wish to see return."

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MENZIES TO GIVE BROAD OUTLINE ON GRAVITY OF EASTERN CRISIS

MR. R. G. MENZIES, AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, WILL GIVE PARLIAMENT A BROAD OUTLINE ON AUG. 20 ON THE GRAVITY OF THE EASTERN CRISIS, after which a session will be held for the reception of more detailed information, possibly including an account of the Churchill-Roosevelt talks exceeding anything yet revealed, it is learned authoritatively in Melbourne, says Reuter.

Mr. Menzies' only reference to his LONDON visit is expected to be merely an announcement of the Cabinet's unanimous decision in that matter, after which, following the party meeting on Aug. 20, Parliament will make its decision regarding his proposed trip.

The suggestion that MR. J. CURTIN, Opposition Leader, accompany Mr. Menzies is favoured in some circles.

Replying to Labour criticism, which alleged that the gravity of the Eastern crisis has been exaggerated for political purposes to permit him to make a face-saving visit to London before resigning his premiership, Mr. Menzies said today that all the cards are on the table and he was only asking for instructions from the Australian people.

Referring to the criticism by Mr. Evatt, Labour member of the War Council, Mr. Menzies said that the former's mind was obsessed by political manoeuvring, and pointed out that the statement by Mr. Curtin on Aug. 12 did not support the exaggeration theory.

Labour, he added, would have to decide between the views of Mr. Curtin and Mr. Evatt.

100 British Aircraft Raid Duisberg

A hundred R.A.F. aircraft on Sunday night raided the port of BREMEN and industrial targets at DUISBERG in bad weather.

Large fires were started. One of our bombers is missing, says Reuter.

The R.A.F. continued the night hammering of Germany with attacks on targets in West and North-West Germany.

FEW OVER BRITAIN

A few German aircraft were over Britain on Sunday night.

Activity over the land was mainly confined to coastal areas in Eastern and South-West England.

Bombs were dropped at several points and at one town in North-east England some damage was done and a small number of casualties were reported.

HULL ATTACKED

It is learned in London, says British Wireless, that Hull was the town in the North-east of England referred to in an official communiqué as having been attacked by German aircraft last night.

GERMANS ARE RESUMING THEIR THRUST TOWARDS LENINGRAD

THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GERMANS ARE RESUMING THEIR THRUST TOWARDS LENINGRAD.

This fresh activity is in the Estonia sector on the axis of the Tallinn-Leningrad Railway, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London yesterday, says Reuter.

Until this new move started, this area had been rather quiet and there is no news yet as to how the new attack has developed though the Germans have claimed that Tallinn is cut off.

In the Ukraine, the Russians are continuing their withdrawal west of the Dneiper and it is understood they are carrying out strong defensive measures along the opposite side of the river.

The Dneiper, which is a wide and fast-flowing river, averages half-a-mile in width up to Kiev, though in parts, it is narrower with steep banks. It would not be easy to build bridges across the Dneiper and it would have to be done under intensive fire from the east bank.

A KIND OF TOBRUK

The Russians continue to hold Odessa but there is no evidence at the moment whether they intend to hold it as a kind of Tobruk or not.

Before evacuating Nikolaiev, the Soviet forces caused a great deal of destruction to the harbour works.

The Germans are said to have 100,000,000 men engaged in the Ukraine sector including 40 to 50 German infantry divisions, 45 Panzer divisions and 45 to 50 Allied divisions.

The Soviet communiqué yesterday stated that during Sunday night, Soviet troops continued fighting against the enemy all along the front.

The German High Command states that in Southern Ukraine, the pursuit of the defeated enemy is being continued towards the lower Dneiper.

On the rest of the Eastern front, operations brought substantial successes.

Fall Of Nikolaiev Must Mean Odessa Is Cut Off

In a commentary on the Russo-German war, broadcast from London last night, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY said that, in the absence of any news that the Russians have evacuated Odessa, the capture of Nikolaiev (the fall of which was a serious thing) must mean that Odessa has been cut off.

Major Murray said that it was obvious that the German Army in the Ukraine had been making rapid advances to the South-East during the past week.

He thought that we could infer from the rapidity of the German advance that Marshal Budenny had been engaged in getting his Soviet forces back behind the River Dneiper. Unless Field-Marshal von Rundstedt succeeded in surrounding the entire Russian Army here he could not claim a big victory until he could get across to the east bank of the river and establish himself there.

STRONG CURRENT

Major Murray said that where the operations were likely to take place along the River Dneiper was about half-a-mile broad and the current was strong. Time, in this instance, was very valuable to Marshal Budenny.

The German drive to Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev had up to now more or less been halted. They had now limited the front from Kiev to the Black Sea. The drive to Leningrad now appeared to be an attempt to get round the Russian's north flank.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

ASSAULTED SKATER

Chiu Wai, 22, a Sapper of the Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks was ordered to pay a compensation of \$8 to Chan George, 33, private watchman, of No. 6, Ching Fung Street, ground floor, by Mr. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday when he was charged with assaulting the complainant at the Kine's Skating Rink, Ego Street.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison, prosecuting, stated that accused and complainant were skating at the above place on Aug. 16 at about 10.30 p.m. when complainant accidentally bumped into accused.

Accused was then alleged to have pushed the complainant onto the floor with the result that complainant lost three of his teeth.

POSSESSION OF ARMS

Robert Ko, 34, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Sheldon when he appeared on remand on a charge of unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition.

An order for the confiscation of the above was made by his Worship.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

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Tung Tsuen-sang, of the A.B.C. Second-hand Book Co., at No. 37, Queen's Road, Central, first floor, was fined \$100 or 14 days on a summons for selling certain books with false trade description and \$500 or six weeks for selling infringing copies of the same books, by Mr. Sheldon.

Defendant was unrepresented while Mr. Britain Evans, representing the complainants, Macmillan and Co., Ltd., prosecuted.

Outlining the case, Mr. Evans said that the case came to light as a result of an advertisement. Three copies of the books bought by him were produced in Court as evidence.

A search warrant was made out on Aug. 7 and a search was made the following day as a result of which six more books were produced in Court.

Mr. Evans said that the wordings on the covers of the books were precisely the same as the originals. Defendant stated that he had been in the Colony for two months and was not aware of the regulations.

SHORT-LIVED ESCAPE

As a result of information received by the Police, the prisoner who escaped from Stanley on Aug. 8 appeared before Major A.N. MacFadyen yesterday and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

It was stated that the accused, Chueng Mui, 18, while working with a party of prisoners on the beach at Stanley, discarded his uniform and made his escape in his shorts.

He was alleged to have gone to West Point and there borrowed a suit of clothing and \$2 from a friend, but he was arrested by Insp. Kirby at Shaikwan.

CONFISCATION ORDER

An application for the confiscation of three rifles, two daggers, 29 rounds of rifle ammunition and 11 rounds of shotgun ammunition, was granted by Major MacFadyen.

POLICEMEN CHARGED

Police Lance Sergeant A.S. Edwin McDermott, P. C. C40 Lee Hoi and P. C. C233 Chu Ping, were remanded to Aug. 25 by Mr. G. T. Lowry on a charge of demanding \$100 with menaces from Lo Kiu, at No. 106, Queen's Road, West, second floor, on Aug. 2, with intent to steal same.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ will appear for first and second defendants and Mr. M. A. da Silva for third defendant.

Mr. F. W. Sharfain, Asst. Director of Criminal Investigation (Crime), is in charge of prosecution.

DUMPED DEAD BODY

Four street coolies appeared before Mr. Lowry charged with removing and dumping the dead body of a Chinese male without a written permission from the Registrar of Births and Deaths at Eastern Street near Ng Fuk Lane on Aug. 18, and were bound over in the sum of \$20 for six months.

Insp. Hallam, prosecuting, stated that the defendants were paid 20 cents by a keeper of an opium den to carry away the dead body.

ABUSED TRUST

Charged with the fraudulent conversion of \$13,320 at Wing Lung Bank on July 25, Wu Lai-ying, 24, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry.

It was stated that defendant was employed by complainant, So Luk, 39, accountant of the Fuk Hing Bank, 10 Mercer Street, as a shroff and messenger. On July 25, complainant gave \$70,000 Chinese National Currency to defendant to change into \$13,320 Hongkong currency at the Wing Lung Bank.

Defendant changed the money into Hongkong currency and absconded. He was arrested on information on Aug. 18.

WIDOW REMANDED

Ng Ma-lei, 31, widow, was remanded until today when she pleaded not guilty before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, on a charge of larceny of a camera, two rolls of film and a mariner's certificate from Mr. Albert S. Frain, of the Douglas Steamship Company.

TWO MONTHS' GAOL

Appearing on remand, Tse Tin-on, 17, and Tse Tin-sheung, 23, were each sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

An 11-year-old juvenile, charged with larceny of \$480 Hongkong currency and a gold bangle, valued at \$250, from Ng Cheung-lit, 38, clerk, at No. 75 Lockhart Road, third floor, was remanded 48 hours.

First and second accused were charged with being accessories to the larceny, while second accused was additionally charged with receiving \$257.87 at the Tung On Wharf. Third accused was additionally charged with receiving \$188.71 and the gold bangle at Tung On Wharf.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

FIREWOOD DEALERS FINED

As the result of the "drive" launched by the Controller of Stores against profiteering in the firewood business, four dealers appeared before the Kowloon Magistrates yesterday and were fined from \$220 to \$500.

Lam Sau and Wong Ki, with shops in Nan Chang Street, were charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara with selling firewood without a permit from the Controller of Stores and with selling at 30 cattles for \$1.15 cattles less than that fixed by the Controller.

They were each fined \$220, or one month's hard labour.

A fine of \$250, or one month's hard labour, was imposed on Lai Sang when he was convicted by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson on charges of selling firewood without a permit from the Stores Controller and with selling at 26 cattles for \$1.16 cattles less than that fixed by Government.

Tsang Man, owner of a shop in Reclamation Street, was fined \$500 by Mr. Anderson for selling firewood at 30 cattles for \$1.15 cattles less than that fixed by the Controller of Stores.

THEFT FROM SOLDIER

Li Sang, odd job coolie, was sentenced to three months' hard labour when he was found guilty by Mr. Macnamara yesterday on the charge of stealing a purse containing \$10.35 from Rifleman Khan, of 5/7 Rajput Regiment, in Jordan Road on Sunday.

EX-CONSTABLE FINED

Although he was already out of the Police Force, Chan Sam, a former constable, tried to pass himself off as a police officer.

On his appearing before Mr. Anderson yesterday charged with impersonating a police officer and for possession of a piece of iron fit for an unlawful purpose, he was fined \$150, or two months' hard labour.

EXTORTION ALLEGED

A remand of one week was ordered by Mr. Anderson when Leung Hi-kit, Shantung P. C. D64, appeared yesterday on a charge of demanding money with menaces and extortion.

ROBBERY CASE

Leung Shui, 38, Leung Kam, 35, Sheng Shui, 42, were charged before Mr. Macnamara with highway robbery of \$228.88 from Tang Sheng, gardener, on the night of Aug. 1.

Sgt. D. G. MacPherson stated that about 10 p.m. the complainant was walking in Boundary Street when he noticed the three accused following him. Eventually one man seized him by the throat, a second by the waist while the third jerked at his purse until the belt gave way. The defendants then ran but one was caught by the complainant.

Cries attracted the attention of a constable who saw second accused, running along Boundary Street, into Saiyuenchoi Street, and he was arrested after a chase. The third accused was arrested by a Police Reservist in Cheung.

H.K. Civilians Will Not Take Tension Seriously

"Folks here—civilians—just can't, or won't take this new tension seriously.... Well, fortunately, the military powers—that-be here are no ostriches. Fortunately, too, the civilian powers—that-be are no ostriches either."

Thus commented MR. HARRISON FORMAN, who is in Hongkong as special observer for the National Broadcasting Company, when he broadcast to American radio listeners yesterday morning.

Mr. Forman said:—

Hello N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hongkong, China. It's exactly eight twenty-four in the morning here—Monday morning.

Civilian Hongkong is a bit hot under the collar about something I'd said in my broadcast of some days ago. Seems I had made a charge of ostrichism here—ostrichism in the face of growing tension in the Pacific. There've been some strong "letters to the editor" about it, and even some editorial comment. To quote a few lines from one of the leading papers:—

"The cry of 'Wolf' has been raised so frequently that it calls for far too much effort these tiresomely torrid days to rouse up the mental agility needed to examine the unpleasant question seriously."

Well, seems to me that just about proves the charge!

Folks here—civilians—just can't, or won't take this new tension seriously. Not even to the point of laying up a few extra cans of beans and a sack of flour or rice—just in case. Especially with Japan so bullheadedly set on her mission of "Expansion or Bust!"

A VITAL STEP

Well, fortunately, the military powers—that-be here are no ostriches. Fortunately, too, the

shawan Road and, in his possession, was the wallet, which contained the \$228.88.

Defendants reserved their defence and were committed for trial.

INDIANS CHARGED

Hearing was continued before Mr. Anderson when Gurba Singh, Gurnam Singh, and Lachnam Singh were charged with demanding money from the owner of the Po On Garage.

In evidence, the foki of the garage, Cheung Ng, stated that he had been in Court to answer two summonses on behalf of his master but as he had not sufficient money to pay the fine he went to the shop with the first defendant who then told the foki to inform the master that he wanted to see him.

The case was adjourned to tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

EVADED PAYMENT

Chan Yan, 52, and Chan Ping, 30, appeared before Mr. Macnamara charged with evading payment for food consumed at a restaurant in Shanghai Street.

First defendant, who pleaded that he only went on the invitation of the second, was cautioned. Second accused was fined \$10, in default, 14 days' hard labour.

D. O. SOUTH

BOUND OVER

Tai Sang was bound over for a year when he appeared before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday charged with trespassing in No. 1 Hill, Shing Mun Mines, Tsun Wan, on Sunday.

TO BE BANISHED

For the larceny of a purse containing \$4.11 from a food basket, the property of Mo Ha-mee, woman, in Tsun Wan Market, on Sunday, Chan Kam was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Balfour.

REMANDED TO TODAY

A remand of 24 hours was ordered by Mr. Balfour when Wong Tse-tak appeared on a charge of larceny of a wrist-watch from the coolie quarters at the Simpler Plaster Works, Tsun Wan, on Aug. 15.

It was stated by the prosecution that defendant, when he visited the factory, stole the watch which was left on a table. He pawned the watch for \$2.

Sgt. Groves prosecuted in all three cases.

MARINE COURT

ANCHORED IN MINEFIELDS

On the complaint of Lt. Parsons, R.N.V.R., Or Wing, acting master of trading junk No. T3351H, and Chan Kwan-shau, junk foki of trading junk No. T38, were charged before Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., with having anchored their junks at Taihong Channel Minefield, a prohibited and controlled area, on Aug. 17.

Second accused failed to appear.

civilian-powers—that-be are no ostriches either. For in the past many months large quantities of rice, flour and other essential foods, have been imported by the Government and stored in special warehouses, scattered about the Colony for protection from air raids. A vital step; for Hongkong produces practically no food for itself—beyond a few vegetables and a little rice.

Public utilities, gas, light and water, transportation and communication systems, are all mobilized for emergency service. Nearly seven thousand volunteers have been trained as A.R.P. wardens, rescue workers, fire fighters, ambulance drivers, police reserves and auxiliary nurses. The men in the Volunteer Corps drill on an average of about a half day per week, with frequent week-end exercises carried out on a full wartime basis. Big guns are manned, air raiders challenged, and sham battles fought.

Yes, collectively, civilian Hongkong is facing the cold facts—shoulder to shoulder with the professional regulars. That is, when it's on duty. Off duty—the rest of the week—its head goes right back into the sand again. "Too much effort these tiresomely torrid days to rouse up the mental agility needed to examine the unpleasant question seriously!"

I now return you to N.B.C.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

HEAVY GAOL TERM FOR OLD LAG

Pleading guilty to three different counts before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Hui Wing-kwai was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Hui was charged with making counterfeit Hongkong five-cent pieces, possession of an instrument, namely a mole, for counterfeiting, and possession of three or more counterfeit five-cent pieces at Shek Ku Lung Village, Shatin, on July 25.

Accused stated that he was suffering from sore foot and was not able to earn a living.

"You have not done very much for the last 14 years," said the Chief Justice when Lo Wah, who was charged with breaking into Razon's, Nos. 19-21 Hankow Road, on July 28 with intent to commit a felony, pleaded that he had just come out of gaol and had no means of supporting his family of five children.

Accused, who had 21 previous convictions for felony, was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour each was imposed on Leung Ming, alias Yeung Pak, alias Yeung Man-fai, 29, and Wan Luen, 21, who both pleaded guilty to robbing a marine hawkler, Li Kwan, of a wallet containing \$4.85 on the roof of No. 516 Queen's Road West on June 18.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted in all three cases.

STAIR ROBBERY

A man, Tam Shui-ying, 48, when returning to his residence, No. 283, Jaffe Road yesterday, was held-up by two robbers half-way up the stairs, and was robbed of \$7.90 and a gold ring.

The men made good their escape.

In Court and had his bail of \$50 estreated, while first defendant was fined \$30 or one month's hard labour.

BOAT MISTRESS FINED

Sgt. Manwaring of the Royal Naval Yard Police appeared as complainant in the case in which Wong Kwai-mui, mistress of a Class IV boat, No. 2189V, was charged with permitting her junk to loiter within 100 yards of the Naval Dockyards on Sunday.

On her pleading guilty she was fined \$10, or 10 days' hard labour, by Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R.

Police-Sergeant Smith prosecuted in both cases.

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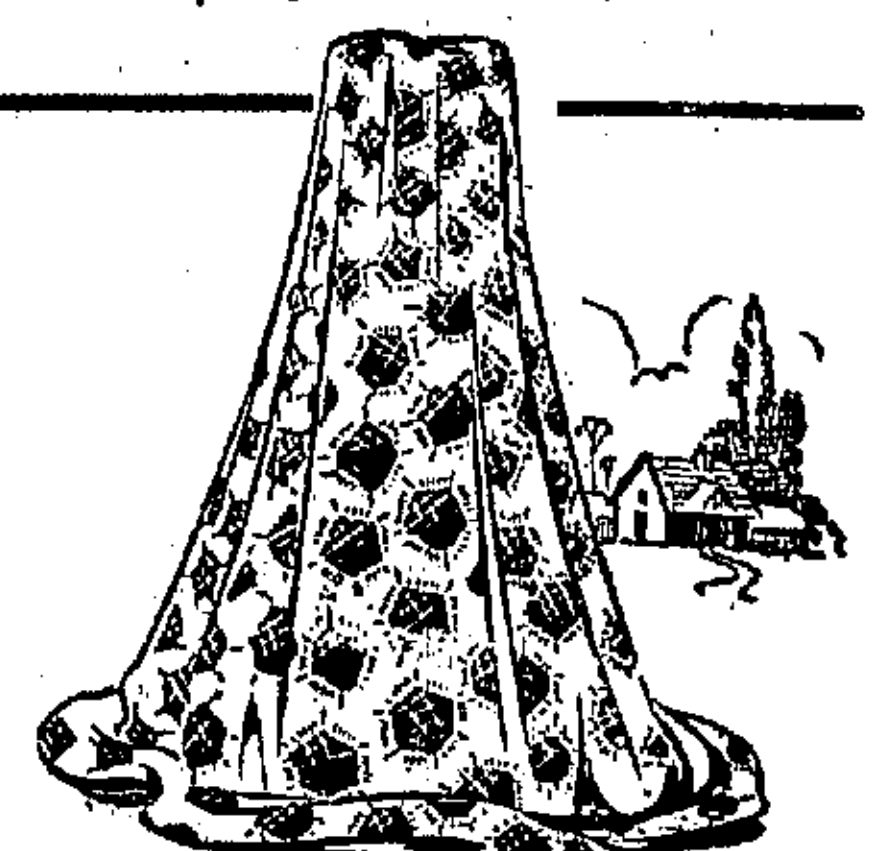
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UNNATURAL OFFENCE ALLEGED

An Indian, Abdul Aziz, was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of committing an unnatural offence against a Chinese youth in the New Territories.

On the application of the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, for the defence, the trial was postponed to the next Sessions.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said the Crown had no objection to the postponement.

Accused is on bail.

RECEIVING CHARGE

A postponement was also granted by the Chief Justice in the case in which a married woman, Tsang Shun-sheung, 35, was charged with receiving stolen property and with offering a bribe of \$68 to a Police officer.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, is for the defence. Accused is on \$1,000 bail.

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By Order of the Board
of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th August, 1941.
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MARRIAGE

BENTON—MORRISON.—At Tunbridge Wells, on 15th August, 1941, Hector Lawrence Benton to Ailsa Muriel elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Morrison.
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END OF PASSIVE
DEFENCE

THREE important announcements were published during the week-end. The first of these was the decision to hold a Three-Power Conference in Moscow; the second was the signing of an Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement by which a credit of ten million pounds sterling would be made available to the Soviet Government for the purchase of war supplies from Britain; the third was the report that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek might shortly visit the Russian capital for talks with M. Stalin. Taken together, it is not difficult to see how far these developments are related to the dramatic Eight-Point Declaration issued by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Britain. They not only serve to show the world that the greatly extended Anglo-American collaboration is more than idealistic, but that passive defence has finally ended—that henceforth the forces of aggression will, no matter in what part of the world they attempt to impose their ruthless plans, be countered with all the strength that the Democracies can put into the field against them.

IN THE UNITED STATES itself, while the President's action has not been free from criticism, the Eight-Point Declaration is generally accepted as making the end of isolation. The criticism that

ACTIVITIES OF
S.P.C.A.Story Of Adventures
Of "Rex"

The July issue of the BLUE CROSS—the official organ of the S.S.P.C.A. and the H.K.S.P.C.A.—contains a very interesting report on the activities of the Inspectorate of the Hongkong Society, the trade in stolen dogs and bird shops in Hongkong contributed by Mr. W. Rees-Harris, M.I.J., Secretary of the local Society.

The full story of the adventures of "Rex," the Scotch collie which was so dramatically returned to his owner, Mrs. R. Ferrajolo, of Shanghai, is also to be found in this issue.

It might be recalled that the loss of "Rex" was responsible for the uncovering of the trade in stolen dogs and the taking-up of this matter by the local S.P.C.A. Recommendations were made by the Society to the Police, and the report says, a reply was received from Mr. Shaftain that the suggestions were receiving sympathetic attention and that the matter was being submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown for advice.

has been levelled against the President, of course, comes from this group which has been trying very hard to make out that, apart from the President having exceeded his powers, the declaration is nothing more than a description of the kind of world that most people would like to live in. This attitude is not altogether unaccountable, particularly as the American people remember what happened after the last war. But since it is now evident that the declaration implies that more must be done and that the collaboration agreed on between the two countries goes far deeper than appears on the surface, American commentators are pointing to the necessity of a full explanation of the situation and are asking that the President should make a clear and concise statement to the people of the conditions of the present national emergency as it exists. It is felt that only vigorous leadership, which the President is well capable of, can combat the efforts of the isolationists to misinterpret the value of the declaration.

AS FAR AS the British public is concerned, there is, of course, no group or party to belittle this amplified Anglo-American agreement. Everyone realises the implications underlying it and are confident that the leadership of Mr. Churchill is unquestioned in matter of this kind. Even those who were disappointed that the declaration made no specific reference to Japan are now convinced that the Far East figures very prominently in the co-ordination that is now proceeding in the Anglo-American plans. The Trade Agreement with the Soviet is a sign that Britain is determined, with American help, to sustain the Russians in their valiant struggle for freedom. The proposed conference which is to take place in Moscow is another indication that all Russia's requirements to meet every eventually, even a worsening of Russo-Japanese relations, will be supplied to the best of British and American abilities. The report that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek may also visit the Soviet capital is significant, because it shows how completely China now stands within the Democratic bloc and that her needs, too, in her battle against the Japanese aggressors, are to be taken fully into account and reinforced so that her contribution to the better world, which the Democracies are seeking to build, might be assured.

CORRESPONDENCE

ASSESSMENT OF
RENT

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press

Sir,—The Prevention of Eviction Ordinance was, admittedly, intended as a salutary measure to restrain insatiable landlords from rapaciously exploiting their unfortunate tenants by periodically increasing the rents of their dwellings whose refusal to comply with the demands would, they know, result in the certainty of their being evicted from their homes, for "the power of eviction is, in the words of The Honourable The Attorney General at the time of the passing of the original ordinance, "a terrible weapon" in such a congested Colony as Hongkong.

For this Ordinance, which confers on the public a great measure of relief and benefit, and which His Excellency the Governor Sir Geoffrey Northcote K.C. M.G. was undoubtedly responsible for bringing into being, he will be ever gratefully remembered by the public of Hongkong as one of his outstanding achievements.

Nevertheless the periodical raising of the rents of the poor tenants by their greedy landlords is, unfortunately, as rampant as ever, and the reason that few voices have been raised in indignant protest against the landlords' insatiable greed is that the great majority of the tenants belong to the poor ignorant class of natives, who rather than refuse to comply with their landlords' unjust demands would meekly submit to them for fear of being turned out of their homes.

On the question of the assessment of rent, on which landlords seem to place much reliance, it is evident that, because of the hazardous way in which it had, in some instances, been made, it leaves much to be desired.

Take a case in point—that of 950 Canton Road, 3rd floor. Exactly six months after Eviction Ordinance had been passed, the rent of this flat was increased 25%, and only last year the old landlord again gave notice of a further increase in rent, but after having pointed out to him the disadvantage of this flat in comparison with those of adjoining houses, he was amenable to reason and did not raise the rent; but no sooner had the present new landlord acquire these houses than he immediately raised the rent of every flat, and to implement it he had recourse to the Assessor.

In due course and without any notice, a party consisting of a European and a Chinese from the Assessment Department came to the above flat and began measuring it, which like most corner Chinese tenement houses is surrounded by frail glass windows giving into an afoley for a verandah of only 2 feet 9 inches in width which served no useful purpose.

Now, to obtain space sufficient for three cubicles, these have to be erected against the glass windows which, being exposed completely to sun and rain, make it impossible to put them in such a position; so they have to be placed against the wall which, owing to the space taken up by the entrance, leaves just sufficient space for only two cubicles; whereas all the flats of adjoining houses have each three cubicles.

Therefore, it is quite clear that, according to the dictates of common sense, any increase in rent should be apportioned proportionately, taking into consideration the disabilities or otherwise of each individual flat; but, instead of such apportionment, the rent of a flat containing only two cubicles has been increased 50% more than the increase in the rent of flats containing three cubicles each, which is really what has been done in this case.

Consequently, the conclusion is irresistible that, consequent upon the disproportionate increases in the rents between the above and the other flats, the assessment is, to say the least, wrong because it was not intelligently made.

Moreover, the rent of the above flat has since the beginning of the war already been increased exactly 162%—a fact which the person who made the assessment and recommended the unfortunate increases in rent did not probably know, or perhaps did not care to take the least trouble to find it out; for had he done so, he might possibly not have proposed and recommended the increase.

From a purely economic point of view, it is absolutely certain that no valid reason can be adduced to justify such an inordin-

FUNERAL OF MR.

E. E. OSMUND

Popular Resident
Of The Colony

The funeral of Mr. Ernest Edgar Osmund, a well-known and popular member of the local Portuguese community, who died at his residence, No. 1, Liberty Avenue, Homuntin, on Sunday at the age of 57, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

The Very Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada officiated both in the Chapel and at the graveside, assisted by Rev. Fr. A. Granelli.

The late Mr. Osmund had been in ill-health for some time. He was connected with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Insurance Department, for 35 years and retired not long ago.

Mr. Osmund is survived by three brothers, Messrs. A. F. C. H., and G. V. Osmund, and four sisters, Mrs. A. Pereira, Mrs. L. F. Lopes of Shanghai, Mrs. J. Bernardo and Mrs. C. M. Alves, and was the uncle of the prominent billiard player, Mr. A. J. Osmund.

THOSE PRESENT

Among the large number of relatives and friends present at the funeral were Messrs. M. M. Silva, E. J. Figueiredo, E. L. Barros, A. Victal, J. Silva, A. Barros, M. F. Baptista, C. M. Xavier, Dr. Souza, C. Silva, J. A. S. Alves, F. C. Collaco, J. A. V. Ribeiro, A. J. M. Rodrigues, Bursley, A. W. Roza, J. A. Soares, C. M. Correa, V. F. d'Azevedo, F. C. Hall, G. H. Piercy, Chiu Chung-pak, F. M. Smith, A. M. Tavares, R. M. G. Silva, A. Assumpcao, M. A. da Silva, F. Alves, Sebastian Hang, F. N. Xavier, C. Silva, F. Carvalho, C. Silva, F. M. Pereira, A. C. Silva, J. P. Xavier, A. L. Remedios, J. Graca, J. C. Barros, E. M. Ozielio, Lo Yan, Wong Kuen, C. A. Leon, A. M. d'Eca, J. M. Alves, C. O. Baptista, A. Ribeiro, C. Osmund, F. Barros, W. Ward, E. A. Alves, J. M. Fonseca, J. F. Souza, A. Baptista, J. M. E. Vieira, D. M. Vieira, A. A. d'Azevedo, A. F. Silva-Netto, P. H. Leong and many others.

THE WREATHS

Besides the wreaths sent by Arthur and Lydia, and Albertina, Jorge and Sarita, Joaquin and Chico, which were interred with the casket, other floral tributes were from Tiddy and Ped; Azenia, Cesar and family; Maria and Charlie; Mary and Germe, May, Marcus and Carl; Carmen, Fernando and family; Teddy, Alvaro and family; Edie, Fred and family; Milla, Pao and family; Gille and Frank; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. Ward and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Osmund; Wing On Co., Ltd. (Men's Department); and many others.

STERLING AREA

At the monthly Committee meeting of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce held in the Sandakan Club, Sandakan, on Aug. 6, it was decided to circulate the following letter received from the Honourable the Treasurer, to Members of the Chamber:—

"Hongkong is now included in the Sterling Area.

Forms AA and AB for imports from Hongkong are no longer required, and there is no Exchange Control on banking transactions with Hongkong.

Forms B, C and D are still required for export of currency, except in the case of travellers for a sum not exceeding \$100 (One hundred dollars).

Form A will still be required for Family Remittances on the same lines as with Singapore."

atly excessive increase in rent as 162.5% within a period of only 4 years at the most, unless it be arbitrary.

Furthermore, if like the Urban Council which could find it no inconvenience to distribute thousands of notices to householders informing them days in advance of the date that their dwellings would be cleansed, surely the Assessors' Department can easily do the same since it has but a very few notices for distribution; and, by doing so, some proper person may be enabled not only to attend the party from the Assessors' Department on their calling at the premises but also to furnish them with certain relevant facts which they may be unaware of or unable to see for themselves without being brought to their notice; thus much friction and even annoyance can be avoided; while intelligent assessment should be the result.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. XAVIER.

Have you put up your
"V" sign yet?

A NEW STORY
AT LASTHOW HITLER WAS
LOST RECENTLY

For obvious reasons, Hitler has a deaf and dumb lady secretary.

Recently, Goering rushed into Adolf's office and made signs to the lady to find out the whereabouts of Hitler. The secretary pointed to a picture of Hitler on the wall and to a bottle of milk on the table.

Not understanding what she meant, Goering sent for Goebbels, who also failed to discover what the women meant and in turn sent for Himmler, the Gestapo ace, with no better results.

After a discussion, it was decided to send for an Aussie prisoner, as Goering remarked "They seem to know everything." Shortly after, a six-foot-four Aussie prisoner arrived and Goering explained about the dumb secretary to him and about her making a sign at Hitler's picture and the bottle of milk on the table and asked the Aussie if he could tell from this where Hitler was.

The Aussie smiled and said: "Oh, sure." Goering then said: "For goodness sake, tell us where the Fuehrer is."

The Aussie, with a broad smile on his face, replied: "Why, the cow has gone to the pictures!"

JAPANESE WOMEN
LEAVING COLONY

It is learned that all Japanese women and children in Hongkong are evacuating for Canton.

The last two batches are preparing to leave tomorrow and Sunday in the m.v. Shiragone Maru.

The evacuation is "voluntary," not having been officially ordered by the local Japanese authorities. Since the beginning of this month, Japanese women and children and a few men have started leaving Hongkong, the Shiragone Maru being filled to capacity with both Chinese and Japanese on each journey to Canton.

Magnificent Defence Of
Tobruk: Axis Panzer Units
Brought To Standstill

The magnificent defence which the garrison at Tobruk was putting up against the combined German and Italian offensives in North Africa formed the subject of an interesting broadcast from London yesterday by a well-known newspaper correspondent, who paid a great tribute to the manner in which the defence of this town had defied all attempts by the enemy to drive them out.

"When General Wavell made his strategic retreat to Benghazi," said the speaker, "he left a few thousand men at Tobruk and the Axis propagandists immediately had a field day, claiming that they had scored a big victory and that Tobruk would prove to be another Dunkirk."

FOUR MONTHS AGO

"They implied that the garrison there had been cut off from every assistance, but contrary to all this, the British force there have dug themselves in and that was four months ago. They are still in Tobruk. They have never intended to evacuate the town and they have continued to hamper all the Axis communications in that area. "The Axis has now been trying to explain to their people how this has happened. They are saying that the defences of Tobruk, which were built by the Italians, are hard to break down and this can hardly be pleasing to the Italians, who gave in so easily to the British when they were attacked at this town. They also say that the defences here are better than even the Siegfried Line, and this must be even harder for them to admit."

"But don't get the idea that the garrison there has to spend its time inside a battered village. They have brought the Hitler Panzer units to a standstill and it is well known that in this world war there are exploits which deserve the Victoria Cross taking place almost every day. But the men of Tobruk seldom talk about them—the British are not given to patting themselves on the back."

AN INCIDENT

The speaker then related one incident to illustrate his statement. He described how three men—a captain of an armoured corps, accompanied by a corporal and a private, equipped with a Tommy gun, a Bren-gun and a few hand-grenades were sent out to a post a few miles south. The Italians began to show some signs of activity and the officer telephoned for a Bren-gun carrier, but before this could arrive the Italians had moved to within 300 yards of the post.

The captain and his two men waited till they advanced to 75 yards and then opened fire. Unfortunately the Bren-gun jammed.

Against the whole story of the African campaign, this exploit might pall, but it made the defence of Tobruk one of the most daring in the history of the fighting there.

REGULAR SUPPLIES

The speaker said that ammunition and food supplies were being regularly brought in to the defenders and some of them had even been able to go out on leave. Tobruk and even its own newspaper—a mimeographed sheet turned out by the men, and the troops were able to post their letter and receive mails from home. Once when the mails arriving there were sunk in the harbour, some of the men had dived down and rescued the mails bags from the sunken ship.

Along with Malta, Tobruk had been subjected to terrific air raids. It had sustained over 1,000 raids and there was not a house that was not battle-scarred. The German and Italians had, however, not resorted to low flying attacks on the town and very few German planes had been making their appearance lately.

There was generally a German plane to lead the attack with a few Italian planes spread out behind him. The German dived close to over the town, but the Italians invariably made a little courtesy dip and dropped their bombs from a great height. One cockney sergeant remarked recently that the Italians did something new—they dived upwards!

The speaker said that conditions in Tobruk, particularly in the summer heat were not easy and the biggest howl came always from the German and Italian prisoners. Tobruk's defence would, however, go on forever and when General Auchinleck marshalled his forces to drive the Axis forces completely out of Africa, Tobruk would be in the front of that attack.

FAMOUS
INDIAN
MUSICIAN

"A fancy for music since childhood," led Vidwan P. Nadaraja Pillai, of Ceylon, to make a pilgrimage to South India, where he spent eight years as a disciple of Thandautha Deekshadar, famous exponent of Indian "Carnatic" music.

Spurred on by his childhood desire, Mr. Nadaraja Pillai sacrificed his English education—he was in the London Matriculation class at a Ceylon college—to go to India. He enrolled in the Annamalai University and eventually found himself a disciple of the famous exponent of Indian music mentioned above.

His dream came true. He left India at the age of 27, after he had the honour of being enrolled as a member of the Madras Carnatic Society.

On his return to Ceylon, he gave performances which were highly acclaimed and he was also invited to broadcast on numerous occasions. Mr. Nadaraja Pillai is in Singapore and gave a performance at the Victoria Memorial Hall to a packed house.

Singing continuously for three-and-a-half hours is no mean feat, but he managed not only to sing, but to sing to please the huge audience.

He was garlanded by Mr. M. Rajaratnam and a gold medal was presented to him by Mr. K. M. Ali Mohamed.

Under the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, a home for war waifs has been established in Shouhan Village, Aberdeen. Scores of refugee children have already been trusted to its care. As there is still room, more male children from five to 14 years old will be admitted.

Chungking Newspaper Hails
Roosevelt-Churchill Statement

The official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS hailed the Roosevelt-Churchill joint statement as the most important document in a decade.

"The announcement adequately reflects Anglo-American determination that if the statement goes unheeded by the aggressors, effective action will be taken in order to carry into realisation the programme outlined for the disarmament of the Axis Powers," the journal said.

The journal added that it is childish and erroneous for Japan to think that she is not included among the aggressors just because her name was not mentioned, for it is obvious that Japan is Hitler's ally and an aggressor nation.

"Nazi tyranny as mentioned in the statement obviously refers to Germany, Italy and Japan. The word 'Nazi' has become a common word referring not only to Germany.

"Moreover, the fact that Britain announced the ban on export to Japan immediately after the declaration was released, indicates clearly whether Japan is included in Nazi tyranny."

The journal believes that the entire question of American aid to China and Russia and other countries fighting aggression has been further studied by the United States. It is confident that the anti-aggression Powers are able to quickly defeat the aggressors and restore world order along lines as indicated by the Anglo-American eight points.

LOCAL COMMENT

THE NATIONAL TIMES, in a leading article today on the joint Anglo-American declaration following the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting, attaches great significance to the fact that the declaration and the British announce-

FEELING OF TENSE EXPECTANCE IN SINGAPORE

A feeling of tense expectation continues to pervade in Singapore in their multilingual campaign of vilifying alleged Anglo-American encirclement of Japan, writes Mr. Selby-Walker, REUTER'S CHIEF CORRESPONDENT IN THE FAR EAST.

They are also playing up the reinforcement of Malaya garrisons as a direct threat to Thailand—apparently with the idea of opening the Thai market in the easiest way by persuading Thailand to appeal to Japan for "protection."

The tension is heightened by stories told by British evacuees reaching Singapore, which indicate that Indo-China is rapidly becoming an armed camp with heavy concentrations of forces on the Burma and Thai frontiers.

Another ominous portent was a broadcast announcement by an unnamed Japanese naval spokesman, describing the situation as the "calm before the storm."

DETERMINATION TO DEFEND

The man-in-the-street, however, is heartened by the visible evidence of Malaya's preparedness and determination to defend this outpost of the Empire.

This is exemplified by the presence everywhere of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire, including stalwart and sunburned Australians, turbaned Indians, men of famous English and Scottish regiments as well as Malay soldiers.

There is also an increasing feeling that the Thais will not timid-

ly submit to aggression and will, if necessary, "make a fight of it." Meanwhile, the Bangkok Radio, commenting on the British Minister, Sir Josiah Crosby's statement to Reuter that the British Government has not presented any demands to Thailand, says that the Thais welcomed the declaration which confirmed a Thai communique to the same effect.

WAR "INEVITABLE"

A traveller, recently arrived from Thailand, expressed the view to Reuter that a war in the Far East was "inevitable."

The question was whether it would come in a matter of days through the Thais witting under the Japanese war of nerves and allowing the passage of Japanese troops.

The question also was whether the Japanese would be content to wait until they had accumulated enough strength on the Thai-Indo-China frontier to accomplish their ends by military means.

INCREASE IN A.I.F. ENLISTMENTS IN PAST TWO WEEKS

SYDNEY, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—ENLISTMENTS IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE have increased during the past fortnight, according to MR. P. C. SPENDER, Army Minister.

More than 1,500 had joined each week, he stated today, with Western Australia leading all the States.

It is estimated that there are roughly 1,500,000 men in Australia between the ages of 18 and 45. About 180,000 have enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force and 200,000 have applied to join the Air Force, but not more than one-third have been accepted.

Many thousands of the balance should be available for the Army. After deducting half-a-million as unit of in reserved occupations, and allowing 25,000 for the Navy and 250,000 for military home forces, a considerable pool is still left to be drawn upon.

SINGAPORE TRIBUTE TO GENERALISSIMO

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Central)—Chaochow Guilds throughout Malaya held their eighth delegate meeting at Singapore yesterday at which they resolved.

Firstly, to cable Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to pay respect.

Secondly, to send a message of encouragement to the frontline troops, and.

Thirdly, to cable Gen. Li Hongwan, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, to adjust the rice supply and regulate the rice and commodity prices in the unoccupied parts of Kwangtung and to severely punish profiteers and hoarders.

Japanese Govt. Increasing Control Over Foreigners

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—The Japanese Government is increasing control over foreigners.

This especially applies to British and American subjects.

It is understood, however, that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is now permitted to pay for non-designated deposits.

The Foreign Office has just notified Embassies, Legations and Consulates that all aliens residing in Japan must obtain a permit for departure from the country.

Heretofore, it has been required only to give notice of such departure to the police authorities, but the new regulations which became effective on Aug. 15 require the prefectural governor's permission for such action.

Application for leaving the country must be submitted at least three days prior to the intended departure, but it is understood that Government does not intend to place great difficulties in the way.

China Front Latest

Jap. Communications In Honan Damaged

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Central)—Chinese troops made a surprise attack on the Japanese at Siaot-saotien, north-east of Sinyang in south Honan, on August 13, seizing 200 sacks of wheat and damaging communication lines.

A Japanese force, with four field pieces and six tanks, challenged the Chinese to a fight to the south-east of Nanchang on August 14. The Chinese launched flanking attacks and defeated them, inflicting some 300 casualties and capturing two Japanese.

The Chinese column pushing northward from Hsueh, south-east of Shasi, in pursuit of the Japanese has made further progress. It has successfully recaptured Pengkiachang, Hsuehkiang and Szuchenssu and is pushing vigorously toward Chinghokow, of Shasi.

Meanwhile, another Chinese column pushing from Hsuehkiang, to Tsenkiang has recovered Chowkiaki, where remnant Japanese have been "mopped up."

NORTH HUPEH

In north Hupeh Chinese troops made an attack at Tutsungshan in the western suburbs of Suhsien on the night August 15. Japanese sentries there were killed. Komiao, a vantage point nearby, was taken by Chinese. Fighting continued till the following morning with the Japanese suffering heavily.

In south Shansi Chinese troops made a night attack against the Japanese at Kiaoerhsun, a village south of Hsiashien on August 12. Street fighting raged until the following day. A number of Japanese, including an interpreter were killed and a Japanese supply depot was destroyed.

NAZIS DEMAND AIR BASES IN IRAN

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—An Ankara despatch to the official Soviet News Agency says that Germany has demanded air bases in Iran and fuel supplies for German planes using them.

The despatch quotes "reliable sources" for the report.

The German Minister in Iran is also stated to have warned the Iranian Government that diplomatic relations would be severed if German "tourists" were expelled from the country.

PREMIER BACK

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be broken down. President Roosevelt went far to surmount it in the national economy of the United States.

EQUAL ACCESS

"But this result was achieved not by offering to American citizens equal access to American markets—a privilege which had never been denied them—but by deliberate and carefully planned policies.

"It is time to plan the rebuilding of European and international economy through positive measures organised by common effort, if freedom from want is to be assured to the peoples of the world."

DANES RECOGNISE WANG REGIME

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—The Wang Ching-wei government in Nanking has been formally recognised by Denmark, states a Japanese report from Nanking.

Communication to this effect has been forwarded to the Nanking Foreign Minister by the Danish Government.

Denmark is the eleventh country to extend recognition to this government.

Next Ten Days Will Settle Question Of Japan's Move

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—Competent opinion here last night was that JAPAN is unlikely to take an irrevocable step towards war but that the next 10 days will conclusively settle the question, says the Washington correspondent of the NEWS CHRONICLE.

During the last 48 hours the atmosphere in the American capital has electrified with full realisation of the sheer effort necessary from Americans to satisfy the requirements of the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting.

Lord Beaverbrook's indication of the immense scale of British and Russian needs in arms and war supplies is reported to have staggered American officials.

The Tokyo Press are inclined to regard the Churchill-Roosevelt Declaration as a camouflage for a military alliance among Britain, the United States and Russia with an impetus given to this trend by the proposals for a tripartite conference in Moscow and an Anglo-Soviet Commercial Pact, says a Japanese report.

The ASAHI SHIMBUN calls attention to the course which talks in Moscow may take declaring it is probable that pressure against Japan has already been agreed upon.

The newspaper features the New York report suggesting that danger is existing in the Vladivostok area which is the only route for Anglo-American aid to Russia.

Nearly all the papers interpret the eight-point Declaration as a "virtual military alliance" among the three nations.

Berwick By-Election

Lieut. G. C. Grey (Liberal) has been returned unopposed in by-election at Berwick-on-Tweed caused by the elevation to the Peerage of Sir Hugh Seely, Air Under-Secretary, says British Wireless.

MUCH BOMBING IN TOBRUK AREA

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—Considerable enemy bombing and British patrols are continuing their activities and steadily inflicting losses upon the enemy, says yesterday's communique referring to the Tobruk area.

PEOPLE WILL RESPOND

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"I have in mind particularly an idea of work for a full week's wages, the principle for which our movement has fought long and strenuously. To me as a docker it has been a source of great satisfaction to live and see the introduction of principles designed to abolish casual employment in dockland.

"I feel that in this industry we have, in fact, laid down the principles which will go beyond the war period and create a basis upon which to build the security and continuity of employment in days that lie ahead."

OFFICIAL WELCOME

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supreme efforts and resolute statesmanship of the Democracies and their leaders.

"In this task China is prepared to make full contribution just as she has for the past four years made untold sacrifices in her man-power and national resources toward the Democratic cause and continues to play an essential part in the worldwide conflict.

"China believes that the final destruction of forces of aggression can be most swiftly achieved by bringing about the defeat of Japan first through the tightening of the 'encirclement' of which she herself is the sole architect."

Americans, Britons In Hankow Are Suffering Severe Restrictions

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—American and British residents in Hankow are suffering severe restrictions at the hands of the Japanese and Chinese authorities, the American-owned SHANGHAI EVENING POST learns.

Quoting information it has received, the paper says that business, as far as Britons and Americans are concerned, is completely at a standstill and it is impossible to move a small package across the street without a Japanese permit.

American and British business interests in Hankow are reportedly trying to sell out their businesses and leave the city.

SH'AI MARKET TURMOIL

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—The business world, not for the first time in the past three years, was thrown into a state of absolute confusion this morning when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at 9.30 announced the merchant selling rates of sterling at 3-3/32d and U. S. dollars at 5.5/16 cents compared with 2/7/8d and 4.13/16 cents respectively on Saturday.

The inter-bank market, which opened at 9 a.m. with sellers at 2/7/32d and 4.3/4 cents respectively, immediately turned nominal and no rates were quoted.

Throughout the morning conditions in the market were chaotic and all transactions were at a standstill pending clarification which is expected this afternoon from an announcement by the banks.

BANK'S NEW RATES

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—It now transpires that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's new rates conformed with the instructions from the Chinese Stabilisation Board.

They are only available to merchants for legitimate coverage of imports to China and America and the Sterling area.

SHANGHAI IN GRIP OF TERROR

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Central)—Shanghai was in the grip of terror for the whole day on Saturday as a result of a series of incidents, said a foreign message from Shanghai.

FRENCH CONSUL RESIGNS

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—The French Consul at Santiago de Chile has resigned stating that he could not represent a Government which is now under German domination.

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Dr. Goebbels writes: "In order to win the war, Britain endeavours to make the German people distrust their Fuehrer and were the British to succeed, they would certainly win the war."

"Therefore, we introduce the death penalty for listening in to the B.B.C. And those, who despite all the warnings continue to do so, deserve beheading."

"This is only the right punishment for damned curiosity. Germans should know by now that when we are reluctant to give military news, the reluctance is only necessary for purely strategic reasons."

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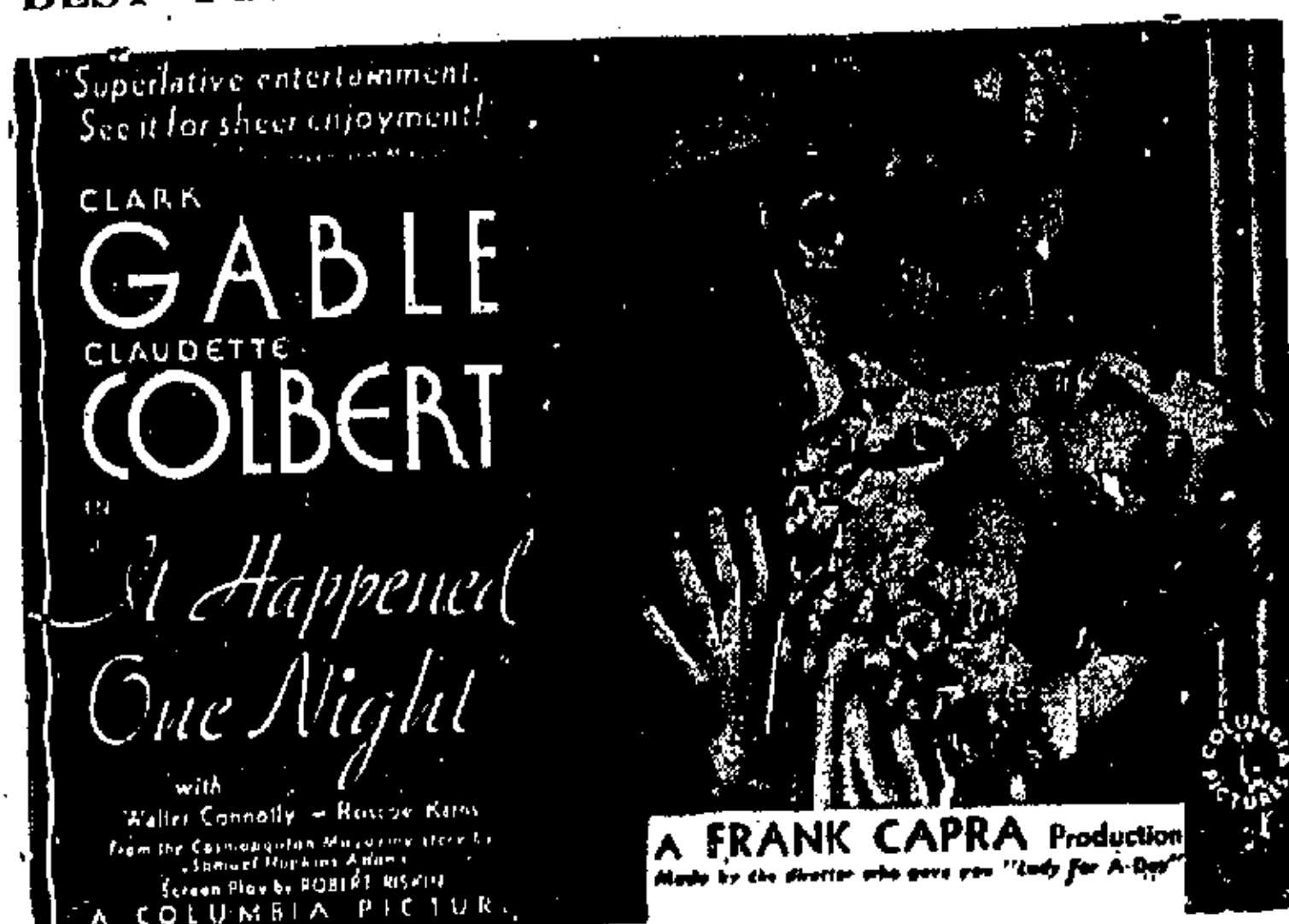
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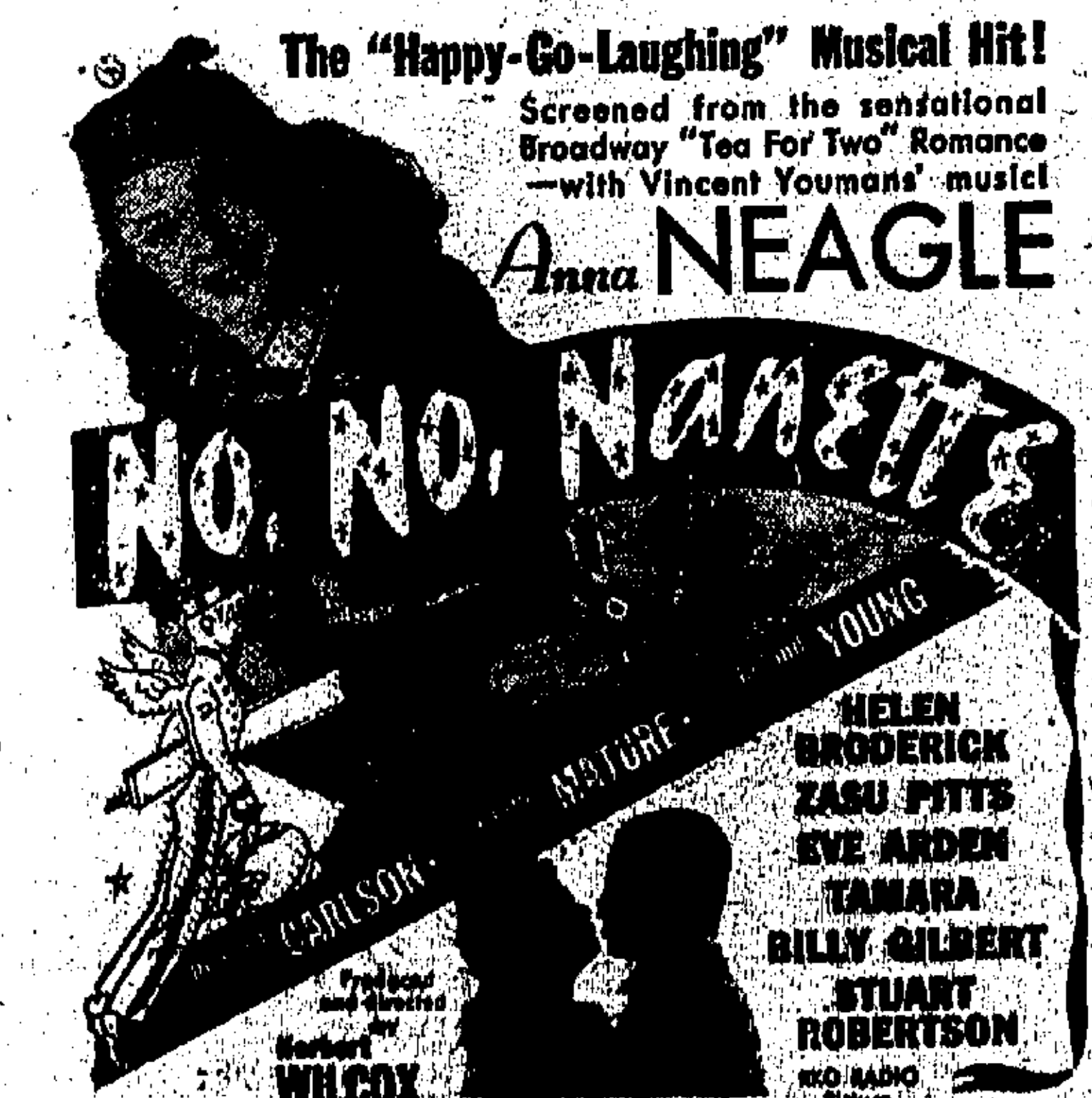
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19—Tides: High 6.59 a.m. and 11.41 p.m.; Low 2.44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 7.52 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.
Heats for Schools' Swimming Gala V.R.C. Pool, 7 p.m.
Criminal Sessions Commences.
St. Andrew's Church Council meeting, Vicarage, 6 p.m.
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
International Baseball match, Chatham Road.
Crown Land Sale, D.O., Taiipo, 11.30 a.m.
Monthly Meeting of H.K. Photographic Society, Cafe Wisemen, 7.30 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Prayer and Fellowship Meeting S and S Home, 8.30 p.m.
20—Tides: High 7.49 a.m. and 10.02 p.m.; Low 1.31 a.m. and 3.22 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 7.51 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Hackey Club Meeting, 8.30 p.m.
21—Tides: High 8.27 a.m. and 11.22 p.m.; Low 2.23 a.m. and 2.56 p.m.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Social, 8.45 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Farewell Party and Presentation to D.A.R.P. European Y.M.C.A. 8.30 p.m.
22—Tides: High 9.24 a.m. and 11.4 p.m.; Low 3.07 a.m. and 4.32 p.m.
St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Fellowship "Get Together" Evening, 8.45 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.
Lecture: H.K.V.D.C. Nursing Detachment, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.
23—Tides: High 10.11 a.m. and 11.17 p.m.; Low 3.49 a.m. and 5.07 p.m.
Schools' Swimming Gala, V.R.C. Pool, 9 p.m.
Claims against estate of late Dora Anderson due.
Massed Band Concert, H.K. Cricket Club Ground, 8.30 p.m.

Radio Programmes

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 The Hill Billies in Variety.
Vocal—Sweet Norah O'Neill; Memories of An Old Cow Hand—The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp. Xylophone—The Mouse, The Piano & The Cat (Casson); Red Hearts (Simpson with Orchestra. Vocal—When That Harvest Moon Is Shining (G. Stevens)—The Hill Billies with novelty accomp. Vocal—Just A Crazy Song (Smith and Williams); This Is The Day Of Days (Dixon and Woods); Eddie Peabody and Chorus—Plane Vocal—Yodeling Hobo (Ted W. Carr). The Sunset Trail (Kennedy and Carr). The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington (Organ).

The Gold Diggers of 1937—Selection (Warren and Others); A Day At The Races—Selection (Kaper & Jarmann)—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra. Lionel Monckton Melodies—Intro: Soldiers in the Park; Chalk Farm to Camberwell Green; Fly Away Jack; A Simple Little String; When I Marry Amelia; Grandmamma; Brighton; Moonstruck; Arcady is ever young; It's The Drum; Come To The Ball; A Country Girl (Arr. Stanford Robinson)—Al Bollington. Medley of Paso Doble—Intro: A Spanish Gipsy Dance (Marquesa); Castiliana (Panna); The Girl From Madrid (Parschman).

The Spirit of the Matador (Panna); Juanita (Fernandez); A Girl Like You (Ricardo)—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra w. Al Bollington at the Organ. Irving Berlin Memories—Intro: What'll I Do: Blue Skies; Always; How Deep Is The Ocean; Say It With Music; You Forgot to Remember; Say It Isn't So; The Song Is Ended—Al Bollington. Wake Up And Live—Selection—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

Words And Music—Selection (Noel Coward)—The New Mayfair Orchestra. Follow Through—Vocal Gems—Intro: Button Up Your Overcoat; My Lucky Star; I Want To Be Bad; You Wouldn't Fool Me. Would You? Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Musical Comedy Marches—Intro: Riff Song (Desert Song); The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Song Of The Drum (Song of the Drum); The Three Musketeers (The Three Musketeers); To-day (Bitter Sweet); The Robbers' March (Chu Chin Choo); Love's Rentry (Madame Pompadour); Goodbye (The White Horse Inn)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Anything Goes—Selection (Cole Porter)—Jack Hyllion and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock (quotations).

6.47 Dance Music.

Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels. Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Will Be Heavily—Jack Hyllion & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Boogie Woogie Maxxie; High Society—Bob Crosby and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Nobody But My Baby; Candy Lips—Louis Armstrong's Original Washboard Beaters. Tango—Sierra Chica; Tango Mio—Juan Llossas and His Tango Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Melody Maker (From film "Band Wagon"); Fox-Trot—The Only One Who's Difficult Is You ("Band Wagon")—Jack Hyllion & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—West End Blues; If It's Good Then I Want It—Louis Armstrong and His Orchestra. Waltzes—That Naughty Waltz; Missouri Waltz—Victor Young and His Orchestra.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points of Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.

1. Simple Confession (Francis Thome); 2. Sonata No. 3 (G. F. Handel); 3. Melodie (Tchaikovsky); 4. Valse Vanite (Rudy Wiedoeft).

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Antisemitism—At The Court Of Frederick the Great.

Musica Antiqua. Speakers: N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. Angier, H. Sartor. Directed by Nicholas Roth.

9.26 Q chestre Rayconde & Damlu (Vocal).

The Dancing Clock (Fwings); Poupee Valsante (Foldini)—Orchestra Raymond.

La Fille Aux Matelots (Diamant); Berger and Reale; Tu Ne Sais Pas Almer—Waltz—Damlu w. Orchestra. Gounod In Vienna (Arr. G. Walter)—Orchestra Raymond.

9.45—10.00 News in French (On short wave only).

9.45 Marcel Faloff at the Organ.

La Danza (Rossini); Musica Proibita (Gastaloon). Ferarous—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein); Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Debussy).

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 B.B.C. Recording—"Fighter Pilot."

A Radio impression of part of the work of the R.A.F. Flying Training Command written and produced by Cecil McGivern.

10.45 Military Band Concert with Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Fanfare—Kneller Hall Musicians. Follow Me—A Barrack-Room Ballad (Kipling and Ward-Figgs)—Raymond Newell with Orchestra.

The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic (Alford); Parade of the Elephants—Characteristic (Chenette)—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller. For England (H. J. Brandon and Alan Murray)—Raymond Newell with Instrumental Accomp.

11.15 Close Down.

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G.S.G. 17.79p.m. (19.54p.m.)

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission 1—News Summary

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

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Full Bulletin 7.45 p.m.

Transmission 3—News Summary

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Transmission 6—News Summary

Full Bulletin 5.00 a.m.

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ACROSS

1 Cut the hair short

4 Founded

9 Japanese coin

12 Sleeveless garment

13 Unaccompanied

14 Australian bird

15 Who wrote The Ancient Mariner?

17 Unit for measuring wire

18 Steering apparatus of a ship

19 Wolframite

20 Beak

21 Wrath

23 So be it

25 French river

28 What was the first name of the author of Penguin Island?

31 Bird

32 Pop

34 Gaelic sea god

35 What is the chief commercial city of Ireland?

37 What dramatist is married to Luise Rainer?

39 Electrified particles

40 Prefix signifying in favor of

41 Pertaining to the life of Man

43 Affirmative vote

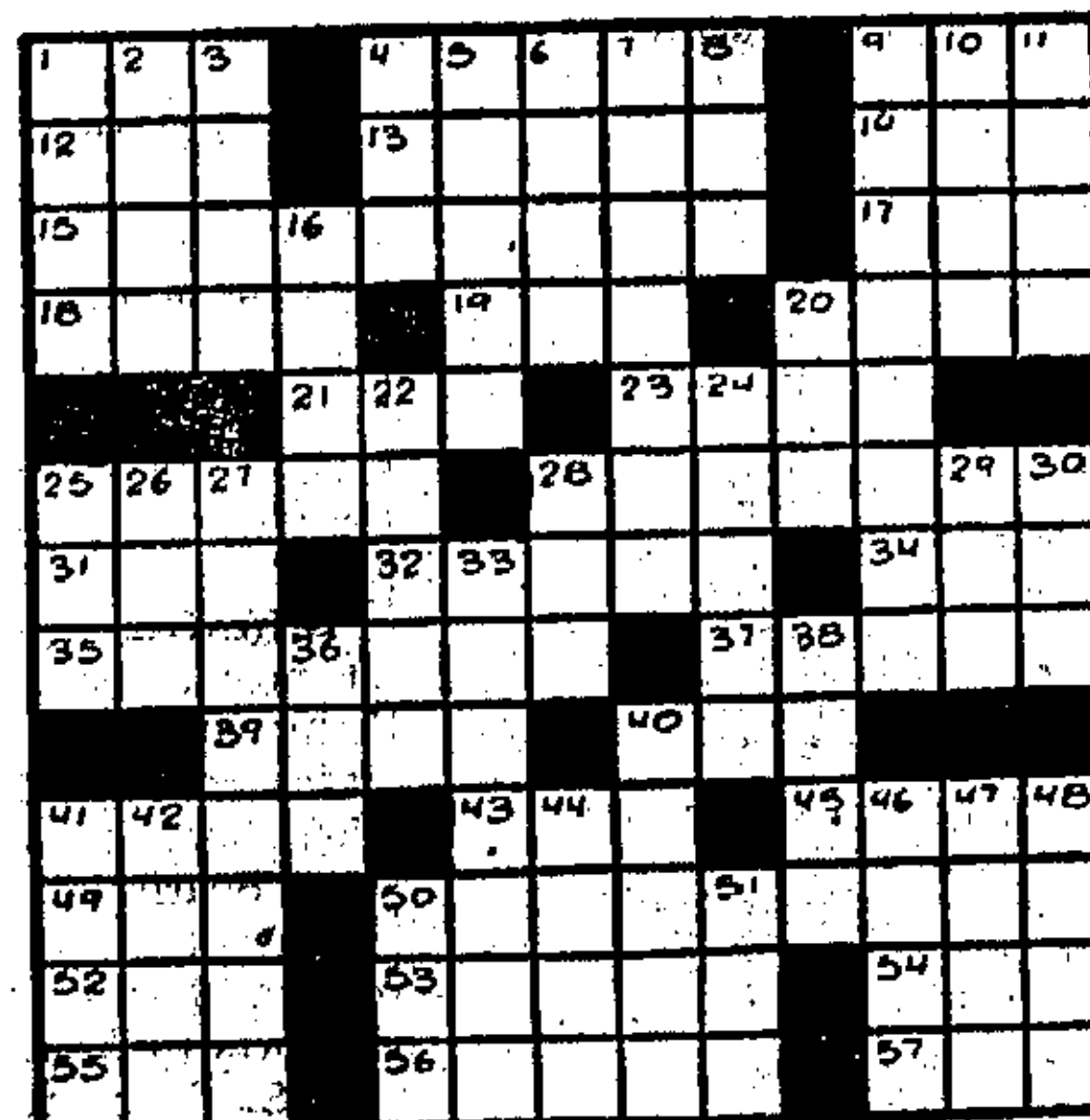
45 Baboon

49 Japanese statesman

50 One who makes believe

52 High priest of Israel

53 One who



lubricates

54 Feminine name

55 Goblin

56 Who wrote Home, Sweet Home?

57 Novel

DOWN

1 What is the missing part of the name of the German composer: Johann Sebastian—?

2 Musical instrument

3 Sphere

4 Legal profession

5 Feminine name

6 Soft drink

7 In what country were the Corn Laws repealed in 1846?

8 English river

9 One of a tribe of Indians in Florida

10 Masculine name

11 Void

18 Arabian

chief

20 Wager

22 Work with two parapets

24 Municipal officer

25 Return a ball in a high curve

26 Be indebted to

27 One of the United States

28 Insect

29 Permit

30 Bitter vetch

33 What was the name of an ancient empire in S.W. Asia?

36 Fur-bearing animal

38 Football term

40 Thin metal disc

44 Appearance

42 King who married Gudrun

44 Like a long fish

46 Soap of Arabia

47 Field of granular snow

48 Sketch

50 Explosive sound

51 Sooner than

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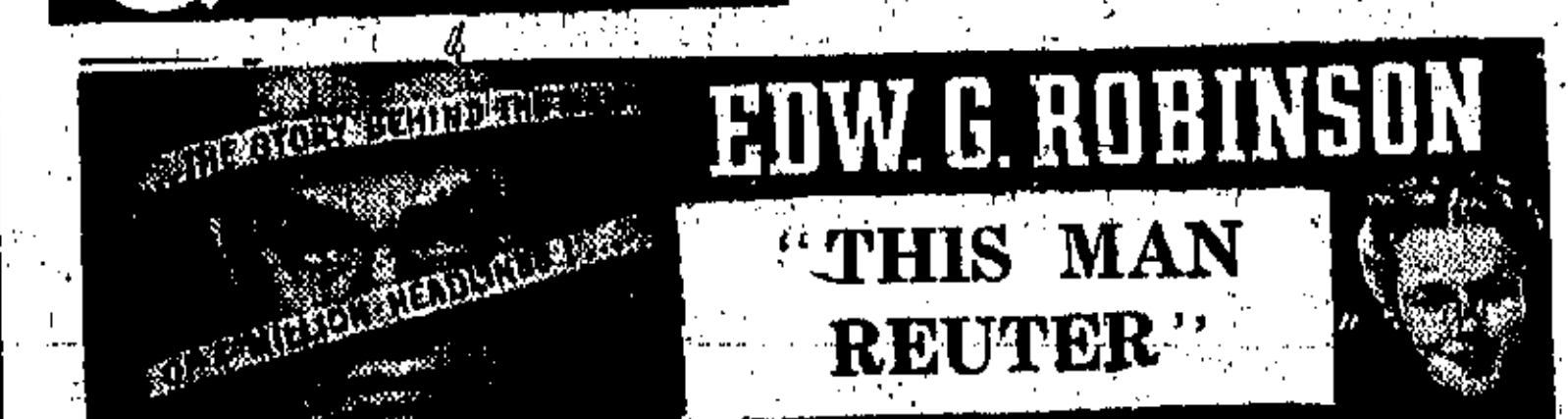
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"IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT"

Based on the Samuel Hopkins Adams novelette which recently appeared in the Cosmopolitan magazine, "It Happened One Night" adapted to the screen by Robert Riskin, will start its run at the King's Theatre today.

Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert are co-started in "It Happened One Night," which was directed by Frank Capra. Gable is cast as an adventurous newspaperman out of a job, while Miss Colbert is the pampered society heiress kidnapped by her father, Walter Connolly, immediately after her wedding to Jameson Thomas, a playboy.

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INTEREST IN SYRIA NOW CENTRED ON POLITICS

Federation Of Arab States May Follow New Order

DAMASCUS, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—While the final arrangements are being made to evacuate the remaining Vichy soldiers and civilians who have chosen to return to France, interest in Syria has swung over to political questions, writes Reuter's Special correspondent in Syria.

The majority of political leaders have been greatly encouraged by the publication of the interchange of letters between General de Gaulle, the Free French leader, and Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, the British Minister of State in the Middle East, clearly defining the Allies' intentions and thereby re-affirming the promise of the country's speedy independence.

It is realised, however, that little can be accomplished until a suitable government has been set up. At present, there is no ruling cabinet since the Nationalist bloc was disbanded in 1939.

Whether there will be two separate Syrian and Lebanese governments or one united controlling body remains to be seen. Anyhow, here in Damascus the situation is very calm and rival political leaders who are normally keen opponents, appear genuinely anxious to bury the hatchet and to co-operate fully with new French leaders.

POLITICIANS INTERVIEWED
I was privileged to interview two outstanding rival Syrian politicians, Jamil Mardam Bey, former leader of the Nationalist bloc, stated: "The main idea of the new cabinet must be to strive for one end, namely to further Britain's gigantic war effort and expedite the final victory. We realise that there are at present certain internal difficulties confronting the Free French leaders and we do not expect great constitutional changes immediately. However, there is no outstanding problem which cannot be solved very simply."

Broadly speaking, Mardam Bey's views are shared by Shelly Bey Namti, a prominent member of the Shahbandariste Party, whose leader was murdered mysteriously last year. He said: "We are willing to sink our differences with the Nationalist bloc provided that certain members are not re-elected. We greatly appreciate Britain's act in paving the way for the country's independence and we are prepared to do all in our power to assist the Allied war effort by loyally co-operating with the new French leaders."

PAN-ARABIA
Many Syrians feel that the time is opportune for furthering relations with the neighbouring Near East Arab countries and co-ordinating the Arab states into one Federation. It is appreciated that the granting of independence opens the way to serious discussions to this end.

Meanwhile our forces are having an uplifting effect on the Syrians, whose morale had been at a very low ebb during the last 12 months owing to the uncertainty and wavering of the Vichy leaders and the presence of German and Italian Armistice Commissions.

Whatever political and economic problems lie ahead Britain is steadily accomplishing what she set out to do, namely to strengthen the vital bastions of defence between the Suez Canal and Turkey and to prepare for any renewed Axis drive to the east.

REPORTS DENIED
The official newspaper Iran yesterday categorically denies foreign reports that a number of Iranians were hatching a plot against the regime.

According to these reports, a plot to be carried out in the middle of August was discovered and some conspirators had been arrested and executed, and that the law was keeping the incident secret.

Dismissing the reports as "imaginary," the newspaper said that one would never find a single Iranian who was not attached to the principles of the Government, or who would be the instrument for the execution of the bad intentions of others. Provocations had not had the least effect on the unity and patriotism of the Iranians.

VICHY RELEASE PRISONERS
Officers Confined In Verminous Quarters
CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—About 50 more British officers and N.C.O.'s who were sent out of Syria by the Vichy authorities, have now returned to Beirut from Toulon where they had been held prisoners.

A certain number of junior Vichy officers who are retained with General Dentz, former High Commissioner in Syria, in Jerusalem, will be repatriated in return, but General Dentz and his senior officers will be held until the remaining British prisoners—who number about 35 it is understood—are released.

The new arrivals say that they were taken from Salonika to Toulon in fourth class accommodation aboard the liner Theophile Gautier. The food was bad, the quarters were bug-infested and the officers were forced to do their own washing-up.

VERMINOUS QUARTERS
The Captain rejected their complaints in offensive terms and was generally hostile.

At Toulon, the officers and men were jumbled together in quarters, which like those on board ship, were verminous. They were given little to eat, save vegetables but made no complaint on this as soon as they discovered that French civilians fared no better.

On the return trip to Beirut, there was an improvement in their treatment.

Imperial War Cabinet

WELLINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Opinion that an Imperial War Cabinet might be useful in affording the opportunity of direct examination of the actualities of conflict was expressed by Mr. Walter Nash, Acting Premier of New Zealand, when explaining that Mr. Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, was remaining in London for a few days to confer with the British War Cabinet, as the New Zealand Government thought that it might be helpful to Mr. Churchill and his colleagues to hear the Dominion's views.

It is understood, however, that New Zealand has not pressed that British Government for the establishment of an Imperial War Cabinet.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—It is learned that four enemy fighters have been destroyed during the offensive operations by our fighters over the Channel and Northern France yesterday.

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—An official Middle East communiqué states that at Tobruk our patrols continue their activity, inflicting casualties on enemy working parties. In the frontier area the situation remains unchanged.

VICHY, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Yugoslav diplomatic and consular establishments in France and the French Empire are to be closed by the French Government, says the Vichy news agency.

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Lyons radio states that the French Government has protested to the British Government about the pressure alleged to have been brought to bear on French troops in Syria by General Catroux, Free French Commander-in-Chief, to join General De Gaulle's forces.

SYDNEY'S TEST BLACK-OUT

CLARING BREACHES ARE REVEALED

SYDNEY, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—During a half-hour test black-out of the whole city, Sydney's 1,300,000 inhabitants experienced conditions under which the people of England have been living for the last two years.

It is claimed officially that Sydney is the second largest Empire city to be black-out.

Mr. Heffron, Minister for National Emergency Services, reported that the test revealed certain weaknesses which are being remedied.

There were several glaring breaches for which heavy penalties are being sought but generally the citizens co-operated well.

TIME BOMBS AT JAPANESE STORE

People in Soochow were thrown into a panic on Aug. 13, as a result of the discovery of two time bombs in a Japanese department store there, according to a Shanghai report.

The bombs were immediately removed outside the store after their discovery. They exploded causing minor damages to the store.

Following the incident, Japanese soldiers closed the city gates and conducted a house-to-house search without results.—(Central News).

Historic Atlantic Meeting Recorded In Striking Film

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—"Good morning. How are you?" were the first words PREMIER CHURCHILL said as he shook hands with PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT on the occasion of the historic meeting, according to the film record of this meeting which has been flown to England and just arrived here.

The unedited version of the film was shown privately to a number of journalists last night with, however, the majority of the sound track omitted.

The film does not show the two statesmen in actual conference but the naval officer who accompanied the party stated that the greater part of the time the two men talked alone in a cabin on the upper deck of the American cruiser where the President had his quarters.

The films show Mr. Churchill being piped aboard the American cruiser wearing a yachting cap and smoking a cigar and also show Mr. Churchill handing President Roosevelt the message from the King.

DIVINE SERVICE
It also shows the service held aboard the Prince of Wales with the President and Mr. Churchill seated side by side while the Chaplain read the lesson which began with the words "Be strong and of good courage."

Other pictures show the fraternisation between the crew of the Prince of Wales and 200 American sailors invited on board and who brought gifts which President Roosevelt presented to every member of the British crew consisting of specially prepared boxes each containing 100 cigarettes, fruit and half a pound of cheese.

COMPLETE ACCORD
A British Wireless message states that the film impressions

of the historic meeting, which will be shown to the public throughout Britain early next week, are ample evidence of the complete accord of Britain and the U.S.A. in the fight against Hitlerite Germany.

When Mr. Churchill, in the uniform of an Elder Brother of Trinity House, and President Roosevelt cordially shook hands with one another, officers and all ranks were greeting their "opposite numbers."

Perhaps the most striking pictures were those showing Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt attending Divine Service in the Prince of Wales. The deck was crowded with British and American naval ratings who joined with the two great Democratic leaders in singing the stirring hymns "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past."

HISTORIC FACT
The historic political fact of the momentous meeting was the eight-point declaration made by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt but the pictures of the simple act of worship pointedly emphasise the descent of life which the two Democracies together have pledged to protect.

Roosevelt And Hull Put Each Other Up-To-Date On All Phases Of World Situation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—When the Potomac returned to Rockland, it seemed to have an anti-aircraft gun conspicuously mounted aft on the upper deck.

It was also noticed that Mr. Harry Hopkins landed wearing a new hat given him by Mr. Churchill. It is a light grey soft hat, much too large.

Asked by reporters at a Press conference aboard whether he intended to give a radio fireside chat regarding the conversations with Mr. Churchill, the President replied that "it is up to you fellows. If you give the country an exceedingly correct picture I shall not go on."

President Roosevelt, immediately on returning, summoned Mr. Cordell Hull for a conference.

TWO-HOUR TALK
For nearly two and a half hours Mr. Cordell Hull was with President Roosevelt.

On leaving the White House Mr. Hull told reporters that the "conference was a general interchange of information in which we each brought the other up-to-date on the international situation. We discussed all phases of the situation in which either of us was interested."

It is believed that President Roosevelt and Mr. Hull discussed particularly the developments in the Far East including Japan's action as regard President Coolidge, the United States boat on whose sailing list restrictions were placed by the Japanese.

In another part of the White House Lord Beaverbrook Mr. Harry Hopkins were lunching together.

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION
It is understood that President Roosevelt has discussed with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at the White House on the international situation, particularly as regards French ties with Germany and the Far East crisis.

Today Congressional leaders will meet President Roosevelt; probably to discuss another Lease-Lend appropriation of upwards of \$10,000,000.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TREATY
LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Signature took place in Moscow on August 16, 1941, of an agreement to exchange goods on credit and on clearing between the U.S.S.R. and the British Government.

The agreement provides for supplies of considerable quantities of British goods to the U.S.S.R. as well as a supply of Soviet goods to the United Kingdom.

Under the agreement, the British Government grants the U.S.S.R. credit of \$10 millions at a rate of 3 per cent, for an average period of five years. When this credit is exhausted, the two Governments will enter into negotiations for a further amount.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the Soviet Government by the People's Commissar of Foreign Trade, M. A. Mikoyan, and for the British Government by Sir Stafford Cripps.

CHUNGKING BUILDS MORE DUGOUTS

Work has been started in Chungking on 24 additional public dugouts capable to accommodate a total of 10,000 people. Seven of them are expected to be completed within August.

The Air Raid Shelter Engineering Bureau of the Chungking City Government which is responsible for improving the existing dugouts and building new ones is busily blasting rocks, putting in wooden supports, levelling the ground and opening ditches to drain the water dripping down the caves.

Some 200 walls are being built to screen the entrances of public dugouts while reinforced concrete roofs are being built over the three entrances of the big tunnel.

Five openings are being drilled to increase ventilation in the tunnel. Two of them will be ready before the end of August. As a precaution against fires, reservoirs holding 7,000 barrels of water are being built in four places. Electric lights will be installed in larger public dugouts.

The ensure safety of air raid shelters those wishing to build new dugouts are required to apply for permits from the Bureau which will make necessary investigation before granting such permission.—(Central News).

LONDON, Aug. 18 (BWS).—The British community in Sumatra have cabled \$1,000 to the Minister for Supply as a gift towards the purchase of tanks.

BRITISH DEMAND ON BANGKOK

News Report Denied By Thai Government

BANGKOK, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—There is no truth whatever in the foreign news report that Britain has demanded from the Thai Government the control of the Aranya-Prades railway line and that in case of non-compliance Britain would threaten her with forcible measures, says a communiqué.

The Aranya-Prades railway terminus is 150 miles due east of Bangkok on the old Thai-Indo China frontier.

It is said that from Bangkok down to Songkla one sees Japanese everywhere, says a writer in Suppraburus under a caption "Exit Europeans, Enter Japanese."

Upper class seats in the city cinemas that used to be occupied by Europeans are now full of Japanese. During the week-ends, Japanese are seen in parks and restaurants. Houses on many roads are occupied by Japanese paying high rents which the Thai themselves cannot afford.

Japanese shops have been opened near the sites where Government concerns are established.

Last Week's Air Losses

LONDON, Aug. 18 (British Wireless).—During the week ending at dawn on August 17 Britain's widespread air offensive by day and night over Germany and German-occupied territories cost her 53 bombers and 18 fighters.

The week's operations included the daring daylight raid on the Cologne power station, the use of 300 machines over Germany in one night, attacks on enemy shipping and ended with sweeps over France when the R.A.F. making offensive attacks at the same time, shot down 19 German fighters and losing four of their own.

The total loss of the Nazi defence was 39 fighters during the week.

Over Britain, where the Luftwaffe carried out what might be called "token raids" to impress their own people that they are not entirely inactive when the R.A.F. is increasing their pressure, one German bomber was brought down.

In the Mediterranean the Axis lost six machines to the R.A.F.'s five.

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Successful Raid By Heavy R.A.F. Bombers In Sicily

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—A successful raid on Sicily on Friday night was reported in the R.A.F. communiqué yesterday which states:

"Sicily: Heavy R.A.F. bombers carried out a successful raid on the port of Catania during Friday night, and many bombs were dropped on the central mole, railway stations, Customs buildings and warehouses, causing one large fire and many small ones."

Later, an explosion occurred. The flames were rising to a height of 800 feet and were visible for 70 miles.

Sweeps were made by fighters over southern Sicily yesterday but no combat resulted.

"Cyrenaica: During Friday night R.A.F. bombers raided aerodromes at Berka and Bepina, and the ports of Bardia and Benghazi. At Benina direct hits were registered on hangars and administrative buildings. Control offices were set on fire, and there were a number of explosions."

"At Berka, grounded aircraft were attacked. Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, supported by R.A.F. bombers, successfully raided Bardia and bombed shipping at Benghazi."

TOBRUK
"Enemy gun positions south of our positions at Tobruk were subjected to a heavy bombardment by the combined forces of the R.A.F. and South African Force bombers and fighters."

"Our fighters intercepted and damaged an Italian bomber off Cambrut."

MALTA
"Malta: Malta was raided on Friday night but with only minor damage. From all these operations, only one of our aircraft is missing."

UKRAINE THRUST, SLOWING DOWN
MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Soviet midnight communiqué announced the evacuation of Nikolalev and Krivoirog.

The communiqué also announces that during August 17 Russian troops continued fierce fighting against the enemy along the entire front.

The Big German thrust in the Ukraine is slowing down owing to fierce resistance, is the impression here.

HEALTH DEPT. IN KWEICHOW
The Kweichow Provincial Government has reorganised the Kweichow Health Commission as a Health Department under the direct control of the provincial government.

The department has formulated a five-year health project which provides for the training of 420 doctors and 1,155 nurses and increasing the existing 17 health centres to 30.—(Central News).

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Anglo-American Military Agreement Said Reached

Official photographs revealing the highest ranking Anglo-American naval, air and army officials who attended the Roosevelt-Churchill conference led Washington observers to conclude that some definite military, naval and air agreement had been reached regarding the Atlantic and the Pacific and parallel action will shortly be taken to implement the policies outlined in the 8-point statement.

CONSULT ON FREEZING MEASURES

It is learned from well-informed sources that there has been the closest consultation and co-operation between representatives of the A-B-C Powers (America, Britain and China) in connection with the freezing of Chinese assets.

Confidence is expressed in London that effective measures which will shortly be adopted by all parties concerned will have the following desirable effects—

Firstly, they will assure the continuance of legitimate trade between Free China and other Democracies.

Secondly, they will further tighten the economic blockade of Japan in such a manner that no loopholes whatsoever could be found, thereby rendering to absolute futility any Japanese attempt at forcible seizure and use of Chinese assets in "occupied" territories or from Chinese overseas.

Thirdly, they will put a stop to pernicious speculation in foreign exchange which undermines the National currency.

Fourthly, they will prevent overseas Chinese remittances from falling into the hands of the Japanese or their puppets.

For the moment all consultations are necessarily being conducted in the strictest secrecy.—(Central News).

RESUMPTION OF REMITTANCES

The Cantonese Guild in Singapore has cabled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek petitioning him to request the Singapore Government to permit resumption of family remittances to China which have been suspended since the issuance of the freezing order at the request of the Chinese Government.

The Guild pointed out that 80 per cent. of the Chinese in the South Seas coming from the occupied areas of South China have been sending money to their families in China and consequently suspension of the remittances will deprive the latter of means of livelihood.—(Central News).

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG REPORT DENIED

A report published by a Hong-kong paper that General Pao Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, has recommended to the National Government to reappoint General Chang Hsueh-liang, son of the late Manchurian warlord Marshal Chang Tso-lin, to an important government post has been categorically denied by General Pao, who characterised the report as a "fantastic fabrication." General Chang Hsueh-liang was dismissed from all government posts following the Sian Incident in Dec., 1936. Since then, he has been living in retirement.—(Central News).

EVASION WILL BE PUNISHED

A mandate issued by the National Government proclaimed that the period for the enforcement of the Revised Provisional Regulations Governing Punishment of Evasion of Customs Duty be extended for another year.—(Central News).

BAN LIFTED

It is officially announced in Singapore that the ban on family remittances from Malaya to China, which was imposed following the freezing of foreign accounts of residents in China, has been removed. It is stated that family remittances to occupied areas in China will also be permissible.

The announcement was made in the midst of a Chinese movement considering representations to the Government on the ground that such remittances were most essential for the sustenance of families of Malayan Chinese in China.—(Central News).

The omission of Japan by name in the document is interpreted as Roosevelt's policy to "keep Japan in the dark and guessing." It is emphasized that the "Democracies' New Order" is not restricted to the Western Hemisphere nor to Europe or East Asia but includes the whole world without geographical discrimination.

Japanese Press attacks against Britain and America for alienation of Japan from Germany are received here without comment but commentators believe that Tokyo is righteously uncomfortable by the statement which undoubtedly included more than what meets the eye which will have a profound bearing on the United States' policy regarding Europe in general and the Far East in particular.

PENALTIES PROVIDED

One commentator said that the statement indicates that Britain and America accept as inevitable Japan's entrance into the war and the necessity of providing penalties in advance.

The arrival of heavy Australian reinforcements in Singapore was given great prominence in press wires which, observers believe, presages some strong and decisive stand against Japanese savage bombings of Chungking which have received scanty attention by American public and Press.

Deploring the indifference, the NEW YORK TIMES today said editorially that the Americans are apt to forget what happened to Britain by the German bombings last year has been going on in China for a much longer time. The Times urges the American public to see the Chungking bombing in Rey Scott's "Kukan" film and to contribute to the paper says, there should be a realisation that the struggle for freedom knows no geographical boundaries and has no ethnic frontier.—(Central News).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Aug. 15.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3½ (Red. after 1952)	105½
Defence Loan, 3½	101
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	11
Chinese 4½ Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	47
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	45
Chin. 4½ Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	30
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	38
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	9
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	55
Honan Rly. 5% 1905	13
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U Hai Rly. 5%, 1913	13
S'hai-N'king Rly. 5%	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	23½
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924	5
Chartered Bank	8-15/16
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	74
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Col. Reg.)	77
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	18/6
Chosen Corporation	4/—
Mercantile Bank of India, 2½, "O"	11½
Pekin Syndicate	1/—
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15/—
S'hai Waterworks "A"	16/—
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	16
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	14½
Great Western Rly.	37½
National Bank of India	32½
B-A, Tob. (bearer)	87/6
Bunlop Rubber	80/8

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

AUGUST 18, 1941.

London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
Shanghai:—	
On demand	46½
Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
Japan:—	
On demand	162 1/4
India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 82 5/8	
and demand	
New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 15/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 5/8	
Batavia:—	
On demand	46 3/4
Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
Saigon:—	
On demand	105
Manila:—	
On demand	49 7/8
Bangkok:—	
On demand	148
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Silver per oz.	23 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, Aug. 18.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 7/16 for both Ready and Forward American Silver was unquoted.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Selling rate to Merchants at 25 1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Merchant rate 460.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Advices received at Noon reported the Shanghai Inter-Bank market as being nominal. Merchants were quoted at 3 5/32 for Sterling and U. S. Dollars at 5 5/16.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

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Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Aug. 18 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London	Opening 9/3-5/32
New York	5-5/16
Japan	unquoted
India	17-1/2
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	21 correct

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, Aug. 18, 1941.

H.K. Wharves	100	\$91.00
Ropes	200	8.95
H.K. Hotels	1,000	3.60

The total value is \$14,490.00.

Bristol Aeroplane	10/9
Imperial Chemical Ind.	32/—
United Steel	23/10½
Woolworths	58/—
Marsman Investments	5/7½
Western Holdings	10/6
Sub-Nigel	141/8
Shell Trans. & Trad.	48/9
(bearer)	1 ex div.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 18 AUGUST.

Buyers	Sellers	Bids	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Bids	Nominal
Banks							
H.K. Banks	\$1380			H.K. Banks	\$1380		
Do. (Col. Reg.)				Do. (Col. Reg.)			
Do. (Lon. Reg.)				Do. (Lon. Reg.)			
Chartered Bank	277			Chartered Bank	277		
Mercantile Bks. "A"	274			Mercantile Bks. "A"	274		
Mercantile Bks. "C"	233			Mercantile Bks. "C"	233		
Bank of East Asia	211½			Bank of East Asia	211½		
N. C. & S. Bank	17 ct.			N. C. & S. Bank	17 ct.		
Insurance							
Canton Insurance	\$235			Canton Insurance	\$235		
Union Insurance	\$405			Union Insurance	\$405		
Underwriters	75 cts.			Underwriters	75 cts.		
H.K. Fire	\$185			H.K. Fire	\$185		
Shipping							
Doubleline	\$120			Doubleline	\$120		
Steamships	\$84			Steamships	\$84		
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$90			Indo-China (Pref.)	\$90		
Indo-China (Def.)	\$70			Indo-China (Def.)	\$70		
Shells	48/9			Shells	48/9		
Waterboats	\$6.55			Waterboats	\$6.55		
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
H. K. & K. Wharves	\$91			H. K. & K. Wharves	\$91		
Providents	\$6.05			Providents	\$6.05		
H. K. Docks (Old)	\$16.55			H. K. Docks (Old)	\$16.55		
H. K. Docks (New)	\$24			H. K. Docks (New)	\$24		
Shanghai Docks	\$24			Shanghai Docks	\$24		
Mining							
Railways	13/6			Railways	13/6		
Rauba	\$7.80			Rauba	\$7.80		
Hong Kong Mines				Hong Kong Mines			
Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
H. K. & S. Hotels	\$3.40			H. K. & S. Hotels	\$3.40		
H. K. Lands	X.D.			H. K. Lands	X.D.		
Do. 4% Debentures	\$97½			Do. 4% Debentures	\$97½		
Shanghai Lands	\$20			Shanghai Lands	\$20		
H. K. Realities	\$6.80			H. K. Realities	\$6.80		
Humphreys	\$7			Humphreys	\$7		
Chinese Estates	\$37½			Chinese Estates	\$37½		
Cotton Mills							
Ewo (S.)	\$305			Ewo (S.)	\$305		
Shai Cotton (S.)				Shai Cotton (S.)			
Zoong Sings (S.)				Zoong Sings (S.)			
Star On Textiles (S.)				Star On Textiles (S.)			
Wing On Textiles (S.)				Wing On Textiles (S.)			
Public Utilities							
H. K. Tramways	\$17.20			H. K. Tramways	\$17.20		
Peak Tram (old)				Peak Tram (old)			
Peak Tram (new)				Peak Tram (new)			
Star Ferry	\$50			Star Ferry	\$50		
Yantai Ferries	\$22½			Yantai Ferries	\$22½		
China Lights (O)	\$8			China Lights (O)	\$8		
China Lights (New)	\$1.30			China Lights (New)	\$1.30		
H. K. Electric (Old)	\$22			H. K. Electric (Old)	\$22		
H. K. Electric (New)	\$21½			H. K. Electric (New)	\$21½		
H. K. Electric (Rts)	\$11½			H. K. Electric (Rts)	\$11½		
Macao Electric	\$12½			Macao Electric	\$12½		
Sundakan Light				Sundakan Light			
Telephones (old)	\$23½			Telephones (old)	\$23½		
Telephones (new)	\$54			Telephones (new)	\$54		
Industrials							
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.				Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.			
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.				Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.			
Canton Ice	75 cts.			Canton Ice	75 cts.		
Cements	\$14.80			Cements	\$14.80		
H. K. Ropes	\$9.85			H. K. Ropes	\$9.85		
H.K. Govt. Loans							
4% Loan	98½			4% Loan	98½		
5% (1934)	94½			5% (1934)	94½		
5% (1940)				5% (1940)			
Miscellaneous							
Dairy Farms	\$18½			Dairy Farms	\$18½		
Estatermen	\$24			Estatermen	\$24		
Constructions (old)	\$1.60			Constructions (old)	\$1.60		
Constructions (new)	80 cts.			Constructions (new)	80 cts.		
Lanc. Crawfords	\$6.45			Lanc. Crawfords	\$6.45		
Nanyang Tobacco	\$3½			Nanyang Tobacco	\$3½		
Sinceres	\$2½			Sinceres	\$2½		
Watsons	\$11.15			Watsons	\$11.15		
Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds.				Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds.			
H. K. Wing On				H. K. Wing On			
Shai Wing On				Shai Wing On			
Vibro Filing				Vibro Filing			
Marsman Inv. (Lon.)				Marsman Inv. (Lon.)			
Marsman Inv. (H.K.)				Marsman Inv. (H.K.)			
Wm. Powell & Co. (H.K.)				Wm. Powell & Co. (H.K.)			
N.A. Chemicals (H.K.)				N.A. Chemicals (H.K.)			
†Sale to Shanghai				†Sale to Shanghai			

H.K. Stock Exchange

Monday, Aug. 18.

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H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 98½	
H.K. Govt. 5½% Loan (1934), 98	
H.K. Govt. 5½% Loan (1940), 95	
H.K. Banks, \$1385	
Canton Ins., \$225	
Union Ins., \$405	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$185	
Wharves, \$91	
Docks, \$15.85	
Providents, \$6.05	
Hotels, \$3.50	
Realities, \$3.40	
Chinese Estates, \$101	
Trams X.D., \$17.20	
Yaumati Ferries, \$22.50	
Lights (N), \$1.30	
Electrics (O) X. Rts., \$21.00	
Macao Electrica, \$18.40	
Telephones (O), \$23.25	
Telephones (N), \$8.60	
Cements, \$15	
Ropes, \$8.80	
Watsons, \$11	

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H.K. POLICE
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Orders by O. Eager, Deputy
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GENERAL

Death. The Honourable Commissioner of Police regrets to have to record the death of Constable (R) 539 A. V. Havers who served in the Emergency Unit Police Reserve from Oct. 16, 1940 to the date of his death Aug. 9, 1941.

CHINESE COMPANY

Strength Increase. Constable (R) 175 Lau Kin Sang has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from Aug. 14, 1941.

Resignation. Acting Lane Sergeant (R) 175 Lam Hon Wai has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company as from Aug. 8, 1941.

Training Course—Part I. Those Company commander at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 17.30 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II. Constable (R) 172 Yeung Wing Sing has qualified in Part II of Training Course as from Aug. 11, 1941.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Strength Increase. Constable (R) 272 Randhir Singh has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from Aug. 11, 1941.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company will parade on Wednesday, Aug. 20 for inspection of equipment etc. by the Company commander at Murray Parade Ground at 17.30 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Police Reserve Headquarters, Lecture Room on Friday, Aug. 22 at 17.30 hours for instruction in Part II of Training Course under Sub Inspector (R) Imam Din.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

MOTOR PATROL UNIT

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 17.30 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Police Training School, Kowloon for instruction in Part II of Training Course on Aug. 19, 21, and 22 at 16.00 hours sharp. Dress—Optional.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 19 to 25 Aug. 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	19	05.59	6.4	—	—
		20.44	4.2	13.44	1.9
Wed.	20	06.49	6.7	00.31	3.6
		21.02	4.4	14.22	1.5
Thu.	21	07.37	7.1	01.23	3.5
		21.22	4.7	14.56	1.2
Fri.	22	08.24	7.4	02.07	3.3
		21.47	5.1	15.32	1.0
Sat.	23	09.11	7.6	02.49	3.0
		22.17	5.4	16.07	0.9
Sun.	24	09.57	7.5	03.34	2.5
		22.49	5.6	16.41	1.1
Mon.	25	10.44	7.3	04.17	2.3
		23.27	5.9	17.17	1.4

HARBOUR OFFICE
NOTIFICATION

The following notification was issued by the Harbour Master, Hongkong, on Saturday last:

There is a least depth of one-and-a-quarter fathoms over Johnson Rock Shoals, Borneo, North Coast, situated at Lat. Six degrees, 13' 15" N., and Long. 111 degrees, 45' E. (approximately).

The above was issued on information received from the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Manila.

JUNK PIRACY IN
BRITISH WATERS

While junk No. 4327 was sailing near Nine Pins Island about 8 p.m. on Aug. 16 it encountered a sampan and, after a few shots were fired from the latter craft, six men, armed with two revolvers and two rifles, boarded the junk.

Some of the crew were put ashore and the marauders sailed the boat away with a cargo of medicine on board.

The piracy occurred within British waters and was reported to the Police by Cheung Kai.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT

Training Course—Part I. All ranks of "A" Company will attend at Murray Parade Ground on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 17.30 hours sharp for company drill under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Riot Drill. Those detailed will attend at Kennedy Road on Friday, Aug. 22 for Riot Drill under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa. Van will leave Police Reserve Headquarters at 17.20 hours. Dress—Khaki Uniform. Riot baton to be carried.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend at Reserve Headquarters on Thursday, and Monday, Aug. 21 and 25 at 17.30 hours sharp for instruction in Part



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II of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 452 O. R. Sadick. Dress—Optional.

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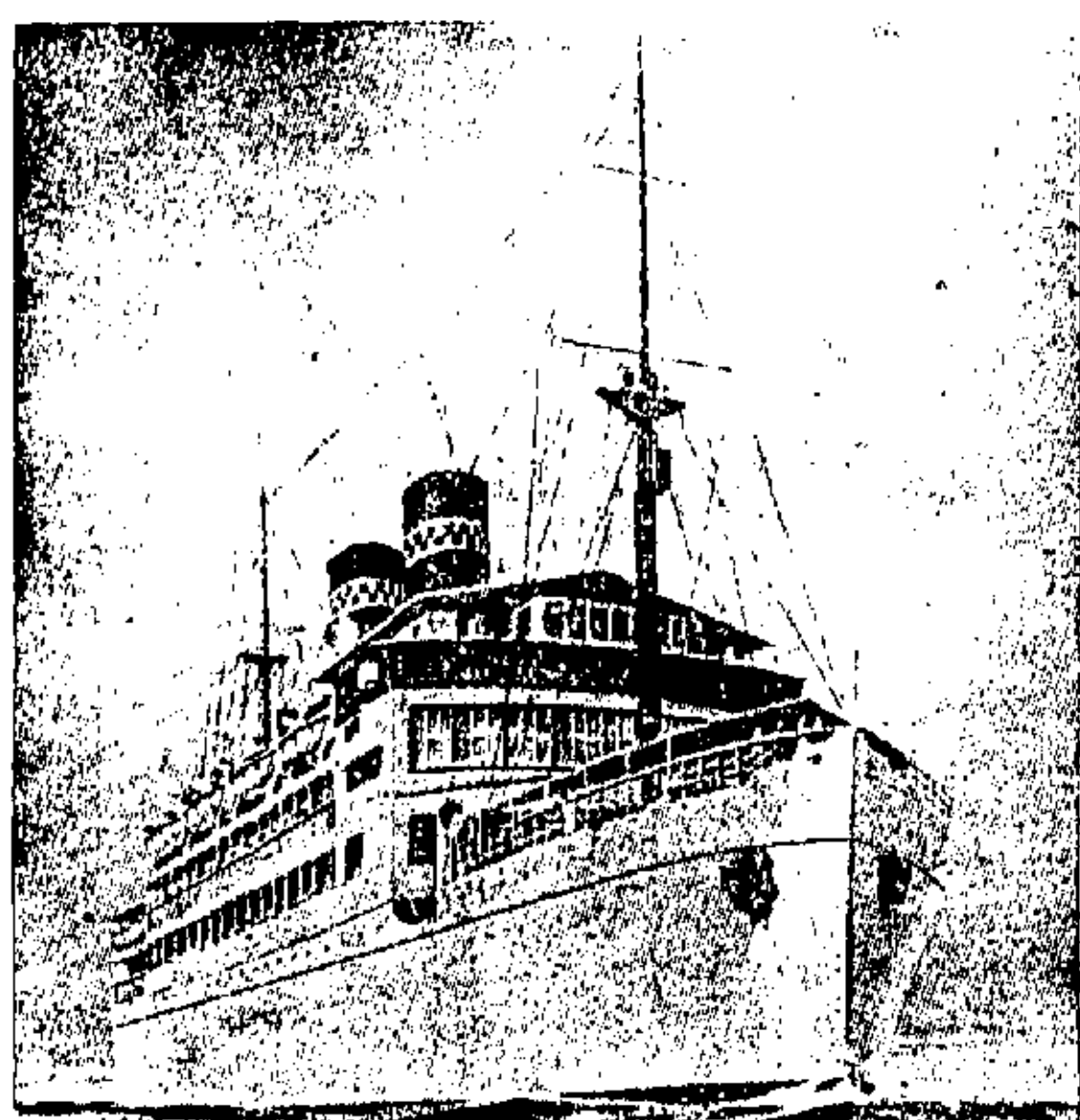
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JAPAN RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES

VANCOUVER, July 22, (By Air Mail).—"Japan is running round in circles and doesn't know how to stop," said Dr. Kalfred D. Lum, Chinese technical expert on foreign affairs and member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, today in Vancouver. Dr. Lum has arrived here to speak to a number of organisations.

Dr. Lum declared that Japan dare not withdraw from China for fear of admitting failure there. Her armies are now extended to the limit, and it is absolutely impossible for them to launch any new and successful offensive in China.

Under the circumstances, Dr. Lum added, Japan dare not attack Russia, and equally she will not venture to come into conflict with the United States in south-eastern Asia.

China, Dr. Lum stated, awaits only the minimum provision of planes, tanks and artillery before opening a strong movement to sweep the Japanese back into the China Sea.

"The longer China fights, the stronger she gets," he said. "The longer Japan fights, the weaker she becomes."

"At the opening of the present war, we had 2,000,000 troops. Now, we have 4,000,000 front-line soldiers and 2,000,000 in reserve."

China needs only planes, tanks, heavy guns and a few products of heavy industry from outside, he stated, as the diversified industry developed in China since the opening of the war is now providing munitions in great quantities.

"After the war," he said, "the problem will be one of reconstruction all over the world. But in China, we are not talking about it so much as doing something. Reconstruction in China is well under way already. Once peace is assured, trade should grow and be stabilised between China and Canada, and industrialisation of our great country, with all its manpower, will lead to a great development."—(Central News).

JAPANESE FINED FOR NAVAL OFFENCE

Yotchi Kawaguchi, a 40-year-old Japanese, was arrested by a Naval patrol for being in Admiralty waters without permission in writing from the Harbour Master. Yotchi appeared before Mr. C. H. Whitton in the district traffic court, Singapore, and was fined \$20.

"I have been living on Tanjong Buai for the last seven years. I know nothing of these regulations," said Kawaguchi. "For the last seven years I have been travelling between Tanjong Buai and Pengkalan."

It was explained in court by the prosecuting officer that Kawaguchi was going at that time to pay off some coolies on the estate on which he was employed, and had about \$420 on his person. The boat in which he was travelling was a sampan.

Mr. Whitton told Kawaguchi that he accepted his statement and told him that at the moment it was an offence to go into those waters.

SINGAPORE DIVORCE

Allegations that his wife, Rosanna Clements, Gorrie Dewe, committed adultery with Oswald Ernest Harewood Cutler, a share broker, at the Government Rest House, Malacca, on May 31, June 1 and June 2 of this year, were made in the High Court, Singapore, before Mr. Justice Worley when Douglas Percy Dewe, a captain in the Indian Army Medical Service, at present stationed in Singapore, sued for a dissolution of his marriage with her.

His Lordship granted the petitioner a decree nisi to be made absolute in six months' time and also custody of his two children.

The petition was not contested. The petitioner, who was represented by Mr. A. F. Thorne, was at the moment away from Singapore and as he could not be present in court to give evidence, he filed an affidavit which was read by his counsel.

Reading from the affidavit, Mr. Thorne said the parties were married on August 21, 1934, at the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, and after the marriage they lived together in India, Malaya, and, lastly, in Singapore. They had two sons; the first son, Roderick, was born in India on Oct. 18, 1935, while the second son, Michael, was born on Aug. 28, 1940.

"The marriage was quite happy until 1937, when the respondent left me and proceeded to England," continued the petitioner in his affidavit. "She returned to me in December 31, 1937, when she informed me that she was interested in a man she had met on the boat."

"We continued to live together but the marriage was unhappy and the respondent again went to England in August, 1938. I received information which led me to believe that she was committing adultery with a certain person and I instructed my solicitors. Holding that he was satisfied that adultery had been committed, Mr. Justice Worley granted a decree nisi, to be made absolute in six months' time. The petitioner was also granted the custody of his two children and costs."

INDIAN MAHARAJA IN SINGAPORE

"The Indian Princes are doing all that they can for the war effort and so far they have done a lot. Every single Prince is resolved to do his utmost, whatever it may be, for the war effort," said His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala, who arrived in Singapore recently, in an interview with the Malaya Tribune.

His Highness added that India's war effort as a whole was very good, and was getting better from day to day. "I am absolutely certain that India will live up to its old war traditions, just as in the last war," he added. The Maharaja arrived in Singapore yesterday evening by a troopship.

When the ship docked, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Lieut.-Gen. A. E. Percival, G.O.C., Malaya, and other senior officers representing the Royal Navy and Malaya Command, went on board to greet and welcome His Highness, and spent some time with him in his cabin.

Before he left the ship, the Maharaja shook hands with the ship's officers and thanked them for looking after him so well. His Highness and party then drove to the Sea View Hotel where a deputation of Sikhs met him later in the evening.

In an exclusive interview with the Morning Tribune, His Highness said that he was very happy to be here and to have the opportunity of seeing all the troops and the country's defences.

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT

His Highness will not only visit Indian troops but other troops as well, for, as he said: "After all we are fighting for the same cause and we are all brothers in arms."

Speaking of India's war effort, he said that as far as his own countrymen in the North were concerned, he could say that they were all definitely enthusiastic, and "there is going to be no lack of men if ever the call comes." The Punjabis and others in the North had promised every support for the war effort, he said. "My countrymen are resolved to beat the enemy and I am absolutely certain that the day is not far ahead when we will completely destroy him."

The chance of India being an arena of active warfare was very remote in His Highness' opinion, but, he said, "if anybody had his whatsoever, India will know what to do."

The Sikh community in India was doing all it could towards the war effort, and, in answer to a question, he mentioned that recently a course has been started for training young Sikhs for emergency commissions in the Indian Army.

The idea originated from him, but the financing is being done by various Sikh princes, including himself. The course was being given in Sikh colleges and the first batch of officers is expected to pass out within six months, the course having started only a month ago.

His Highness would not be drawn into a discussion of Indian politics. His good-natured comment was: "After the war we will have time for politics, but not now. At present we are all soldiers."

A world-famous cricketer, His Highness was willing to talk about cricket, and said that though normal cricket was being continued in India, everybody's main attention was on the war, and not cricket. He hoped, however, that after the war, especially with the experience gained by "some very fine players at present in the country," cricket

His Highness, who has captained the All-India team against the Australians and the M.C.C. besides numerous other famous opponents, will not, he thinks, find the time to play in Malaya.

The Maharaja expects to stay in Malaya for some time and then return.

SCHOOLS' GALA

Heats For Boys At The V.R.C.

Keen and even competition marked the heats held yesterday evening at the V. R. C. pool in connexion with the Victoria Recreation Club's gala for schoolboys and schoolgirls.

The times returned were excellent, especially by the juniors. Following were the detailed results:

SENIOR BOYS

100 yards free-style: Heat 1: 1. J. Gomes (La Salle) and Wm. Teo (St. Stephen's) dead heat. 65 secs. Heat 2: 1. D. Young (St. Joseph's), 2. A. Fung (St. Joseph's), 3. G. Rossetti (D. B. S.), 69.4/5 secs.

100 yards breast-stroke: Heat 1: 1. Kwong Chiu-sheung, (La Salle), 2. Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah), 85 secs. Heat 2: 1. Chan Koon-tsan (St. Joseph's), 2. Kwong Yiu-wing (La Salle), 3. G. Wong (La Salle) 86 secs.

100 yards back-stroke: Heat 1: 1. A. V. Lopes (La Salle) 2. A. Fung (St. Joseph's), 3. Ip Ting-yue (St. Stephen's), 79.4/5 secs. Heat 2: 1. J. Gomes (La Salle), 2. Boone Siong-loy (St. Stephen's) 87.2/5 secs.

Diving 3-metre Board: 1. Ng Shu-hoo (St. Stephen's), 2. J. Anderson, Jr. (St. Joseph's).

JUNIOR BOYS

50 yards free-style: Heat 1: 1. K. Thomas (St. Joseph's), 2. W. Ribeiro (La Salle), 3. A. Marques (La Salle), 33.2/5 secs. Heat 2: 1. Wong Peng-ku (St. Stephen's), 2. Chen Yen-fee (St. Stephen's), 37.4/5 secs.

CHUNG SING EVENT
The three-day charity gala at Chung Sing Benevolent Society's bathing pavilion, West Point, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Branch of the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Commission for the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung, came to a very successful conclusion last night.

There was a record crowd present to witness a wonderful display of a mock fight between a gauze dragon and a fire dragon.

Messrs. Pak Kul-wing and Yee Chau-sui, noted stage stars, entertained with a variety of Chinese songs.

FIRST LECTURE FOR REFEREES

The first class for civilian and Services referees was held at Scandal Point Hall yesterday evening.

All lectures to those who wish to take up refereeing in the coming season are to be given by Class 1 referees affiliated to the Hongkong Football Association and the Hongkong Football Referees' Association.

CAGE RESULTS

In Open Basketball League matches played yesterday at the Chinese YMCA Waterloo Road, V.R.C. lost to Chinese YMCA by 46 points to 81 and Trigrams were defeated by Wah Kiu by 64-32.

POKFULAM ROAD ACCIDENT

While Yu Sui, 41, married woman, crossing Pokfulam Road, a truck knocked a bundle of straw which she was carrying at the time, causing her to lose her balance and fall. She received a slight cut on the upper lip, but refused to go to hospital.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 72 hours ended at midnight on Aug. 17:—

Cholera, 15 cases; Dysentery, 24 cases; Enteric Fever, five cases; Tuberculosis, 77 cases.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 19th AUGUST, 1941.

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the British Overseas Airways Service will until further notice be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Correspondence for despatch by this route must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

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MONDAY	Mon. 25th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 26th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
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Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

FIVE ESTATES TOTALLING \$13,000

The late Mr. Charles Edwin Boxall, formerly of 3 St. Philip's Avenue, Eastbourne, Sussex, England, who died on Aug. 17, 1940, left local estate valued at \$5,600. An application by Thomas James Johnston Fenwick, chief accountant, for sealing probate of the will of deceased and codicil of the deceased has been granted.

An application for sealing probate of the will and codicil of the deceased has been granted to H. J. Armstrong, solicitor and lawful attorney, in connexion with the local estate, valued at \$2,400, left by the late Rhoda Mary McIntyre, of Frodsham, Sawbridgeworth, Hertford, England, who died on Oct. 25 last year.

The late Mr. William Soper, who died on Oct. 25, 1940, at Oaklea, Warfield, Bucks, left local estate valued at \$2,400. An application by H. J. Armstrong, solicitor and lawful attorney, for sealing, certifying copy of probate of the will and codicil of the deceased has been granted.

Local estate sworn under \$1,700 had been left by the late Ho Ying-yew, also known as Hoeng Pui, formerly of No. 551 North Bridge Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements, who died on Oct. 18, 1940. An application by R. A. Wadson, solicitor, the lawful attorney, for sealing probate of the will has been granted.

Tao Chop-kwong, alias Tao Kung-ming, shop assistant, who died at

MAN'S JUMP FROM TEAHOUSE

At 10.55 on Sunday night, a man, aged about 50 years, hurled himself down from the second floor of the Tak Yuet teahouse, No. 65, Reclamation Street, Yau-mai.

Before he jumped, it was alleged, he threw boiling water into the street to scatter the pedestrians and to avoid landing on them.

He was removed to the hospital in a very serious condition.

PRAYA INCIDENT

At 6.30 yesterday morning, a Chinese, aged about 20, tried to take his life by jumping into the harbour near West Point. Passers-by, who saw the act, raised the alarm, and boat-people nearby went to his rescue. He was unconscious when lifted out of the water, and was removed to hospital.

KNOCKED DOWN BY TRAMCAR

While carrying a sack of rice on his shoulders across the Kennedy Town prays, near Holland Street yesterday, about 7.45 p.m., Yip Ping-lam, 42, coolie, was knocked down by tramcar No. 18 and sustained head injuries. He was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital where his condition was reported to be fair.

No. 444 Shanghai Street, on Oct. 31, 1940, at the age of 38 years, left local estate valued at \$900. A petition by Pun Pk, widow, for grant of probate of the will of the deceased has been granted (power being reserved of making a like grant to Tso Su-wah upon her attaining the age of 21 years).

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